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Council Won't Support Oaks

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Staff

Town Councilors voted 8-2 Tuesday evening against supporting special legislation to be filed in Boston for an over-quota All-Alcoholic liquor license by the Oaks Banquet House, Suffield Street.

Thomas Sophinos, co-owner of the Oaks Banquet House, had asked the council two weeks ago to support his quest for an over-quota license for his Suffield Street facility, said to be constructed for \$1.5 million.

Sophinos' request came on the heels of a letter from the Liquor Licensing Commission to State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) for him to file a bill in Boston requesting the over-quota license. Walsh said he would only file the bill if the council supported Sophinos' request.

Walsh said today, "As I stated previously, I will not file the bill without approval of the town's legislative body. The council opted not to approve the measure, so therefore, I cannot bring it to Boston. Local approval is vital if such a bill is to be successful in the Legislature."

Sophinos and his attorney, Richard Corbert of Springfield, stated that Town Manager Reid S. Charles promised Sophinos a liquor license. This claim has touched off a series of controversies that led to last week's workshop meeting of the council where the issue was aired.

Councilors Benjamin Lockhart and Frederick Nardi were the two councilors who supported the over-quota license.

Lockhart said Tuesday night, "This is the first time I ever went to bat for anyone for a liquor license. Thomas Sophinos is not a stranger to me."

Lockhart explained that he and Sophinos were in the National Guard together. "The road looks like it could have been prevented. The Oaks will be a benefit to town. It will employ a lot of people and it will bring taxes into town. We are in this dilemma because of a misunderstanding. This is our chance to rectify it."

Nardi added, "Let's go to legislation (in Boston). The Oaks is equal to or better than most places in town. Mr. Sophinos will be hiring 75 people or more and will be paying taxes in town. Let's apply for legislation and let him hire people and build his business. That is what

free enterprise is all about."

But the rest of the council failed to heed these statements. Councilor Christopher Johnson said, "I think if the council tells Rep. Walsh to go ahead and file this, it's saying two things. First, because Sophinos has spent \$1.5 million we should give him a license. Two, a special license will take away the other All-Alcoholic license from others in town who have been waiting for one."

Johnson added, "It is not our responsibility to run to Rep. Walsh for special legislation every time someone needs it. If Mr. Sophinos gets a special license, other Agawam people will be denied a chance for one after the census (which may give the community additional liquor licenses)."

Council Edward Caba commented, "Tom (Sophinos) is a good fellow, but I cannot turn my back on others who have been waiting (for an All-Alcoholic license). We would be penalizing people who may not have built a \$1.5 million building, but have been waiting longer."

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Officer Macey Honored



THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD honored Agawam Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey as its "Man of the Year" last week. Congratulating Macey (center) are President Bonnie Marien and President-Elect Edward Dane. (MORE PHOTOS, INFO - Page 4). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

A Sign Of The Times...

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THE OAKS - From Page 1...

Council President Donald Rheault said, "What about the little guy who doesn't have \$1.5 million to spend on a building. What does he do? I have not had one person phone me to say they think Mr. Sophinos should be granted special legislation. A few have said they feel badly for him, but how can you grant him a license?"

Rheault added, "Even though I would like to help, I don't think it is fair to the rest of the businesses in town." For this council to usurp the Liquor Licensing Commission's role would be unfair. The Liquor Commission is the granting body. They are the only power in town which can grant a license.

Councilor Philip DeForge questioned if day-to-day licenses are available only to non-profit organizations. (Sophinos would be able to conduct business through a day-to-day license if not granted an All-Alcoholic license).

Town Solicitor Anthony Bonavita said, "It would be alright if the town ok's 'brown-bagging,' so the Oaks can apply for a day-to-day license. The entity does not have to be non-profit. The Oaks as a banquet house cannot be issued an All-Alcoholic, day-to-day license."

In a written decision by Bonavita addressing the "brown-bagging," he said, "Brown-bagging," whereby individuals bring alcoholic beverages to be consumed on an unlicensed premises is legal, basically because it is not deemed illegal, nor prohibited by Massachusetts law.

"However, such is legal if such alcoholic beverages are not sold, and only if the municipality has not passed an ordinance prohibiting it," Bonavita added.

Bonavita's decision explains "brown-bagging" as "an individual who wishes to set-up an open/free bar at a banquet, party, or wedding, at an unlicensed premises to serve his family and guests."

During the special council workshop last week regarding the license for the Oaks, councilors questioned if special legislation would affect the number of licenses after the new census is taken.

To this, Bonavita responded, "Such legislation would not allow the transfer of said license to any other person, organization, etc. Such legislation would state the issuing of this license shall reduce by one any increase in licensed issues due to census reapportionment under Section 17."

Councilor Edward G. Borgatti, who was absent from the meeting, sent a letter to the council stating his opposition to the measure.

Councilors who dissented included David Skolnick, Jessie Fuller, Thomas Ennis, Paul Fieldstad, Edward Caba, Johnson, and Rheault.

Rheault Pushes No-Jail Resolution

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Staff

The State of Massachusetts is again looking at property in Agawam to potentially locate a new county jail. The state has been searching for a locale to build the proposed new prison for a year now. Agawam residents opposed to the possibility of hosting the facility rallied together last year to show a strong stand of solidarity against an Agawam site for the new county jail. Residents signed petitions stating their reasons against the Agawam sites to advise the state of how they felt. Town Councilors filed an item of agenda notifying the state of its opposition to locating a jail in town.

Now, a year later, a site still hasn't been chosen and the state is still searching two Agawam properties, one along River Road and the other in Feeding Hills. Both sites are owned by the County. This is being done in spite of the fact the City of Springfield does have a location on Taylor Street they feel would be a good spot for the prison. There also has not been any opposition to that location to date.

Town Council President Donald Rheault said, "I have refilled another item of agenda stating this council is taking a positive stand against locating a jail in the Town of Agawam." Rheault said the council's vote will be forwarded to the state.

Rheault added, "I think it is absolutely asinine to waste the taxpayers' money looking for sites when the state already has a perfect site everyone agrees on (Taylor Street)."

State Representative Michael Walsh (D-Agawam) commented, "I am disappointed the state is still looking in Agawam. The Taylor Street site is not being opposed by anyone. There are no problems with it." Walsh has been in contact with Rheault and Town Manager Reid S. Charles on this latest action by the state. Last year, Walsh strongly spoke out in opposition to putting the new facility within Agawam town limits.

Councilman Philip DeForge commented, "I think the proposal from the City of Springfield is very good to

locate the jail there. Taylor Street is near the courts and close to lawyers offices."

DeForge added that the Taylor Street location is also closer for families with a family member in jail to visit them. "I don't think we should have a jail here. We have taken care of the county and the City of Springfield (very well) already with the Bondi's Island facility and the new incinerator," said DeForge.

Councilman Frederick Nardi said, "I thought the Taylor Street site in Springfield was a fait accompli. I think we have enough county projects in Agawam already. I kind of like it (the jail) in Springfield."

Councilor Edward Borgatti said, "I think the state should keep it in Springfield. Prisoners have to be transported to the courthouse. The courthouse is in downtown Springfield. A jail there would be more convenient and cost effective."

He continued, "Prisoners also have a right to see their families and most of their families live in Springfield. This way they will be closer. I think Agawam has done enough with the county facilities it already hosts. We have the waste water treatment plant, Bondi's Island, and the incinerator. That's enough."

Councilwoman Jessie Fuller added, "I don't think we should have it in town. I feel we have had so many things pushed onto us in the past already. I think a jail would be a detriment to Agawam. It just seems like good old Agawam has the space, and they want us to accept everything."

Mrs. Fuller also stated that it is more feasible to keep the jail in Springfield so it will be closer to the courthouse, and in closer proximity for the transportation of those incarcerated.

Councilors David Skolnick, Thomas Ennis, and Christopher Johnson were not available for comment. Councilors Paul Fieldstad and Edward Caba did not have any comments on this issue at this time.

Rheault added that because the county government is also located in Springfield, "it's totally unfair for the state or anyone else to push this on a suburban community like Agawam."

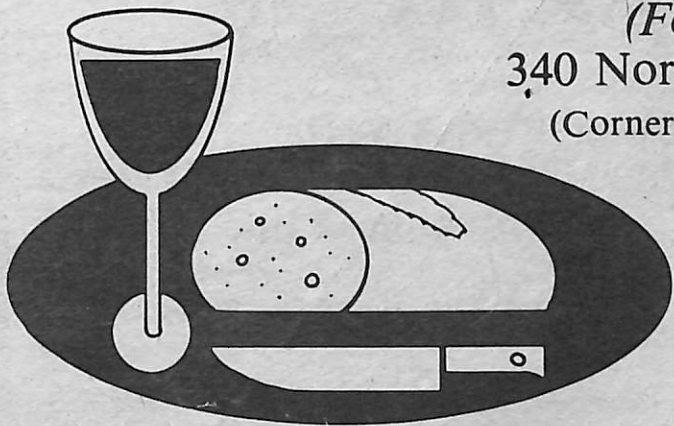
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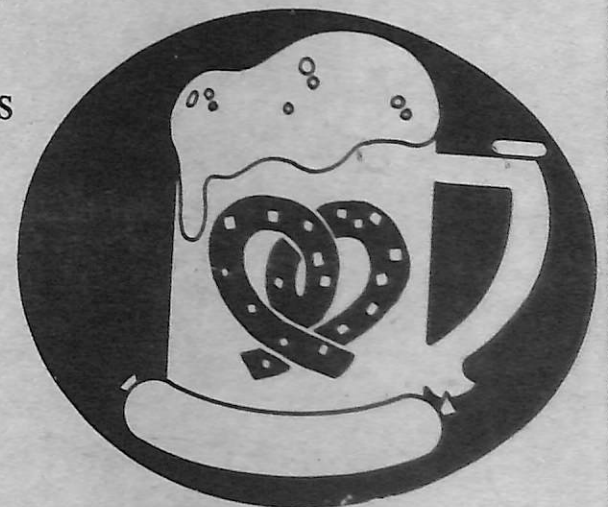
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Macey Honored By Exchange Club



THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD last week honored Agawam Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey for his outstanding contributions to the community at a dinner at the Haubrauhaus Restaurant, West Springfield. Here, Macey is accepting the award from Exchange Club President Bonne Marien (center). Also in photo are Agawam Police Department members, from left - Detective Skip Malone, Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski, Captain Richard Light, and Officer James Lewis. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



EXCHANGE CLUB MEMBERS Frank O'Brien and Bonnie Marien (president) pose with Agawam Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey at the Haubrauhaus Restaurant last week. Macey, coordinator of the successful project D.A.R.E. in the Agawam schools, is a community leader in promoting the anti-drug/alcohol message to school children. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Democrats To Caucus Feb. 27th

Registered Democrats in Agawam will be holding a caucus, Saturday, February 27th, at 2:00 p.m., to elect delegates to the 1988 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

Agawam will be electing 14 delegates and 4 alternates, equally divided between men and women, to send to the Convention. The apportioned number of delegates has been allocated on the basis of a formula giving equal weight to the Democratic Party registration and the average vote for Democratic candidates in the last general elections for Governor and President for which figures were available at the time delegate tabulations were prepared.

William T. Walsh, Jr. will call the caucus at the Polish-American Club, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats, persons ineligible to register and media representatives. The only persons eligible to participate in any portion of the caucus are those who are registered Democrats in the ward or town as of December 30th, 1987. There will be no absentee or proxy voting.

Candidates for delegate and alternate must also be present, voting and give his or her written consent to be nominated, and that nomination must be seconded by two persons present at the local caucus.

All ballots will be written and secret. Those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot will be elected.

Each candidate will be allowed to make a two-minute speech and to distribute on his/her behalf one sheet of paper listing qualifications and ideas.

State-making is allowed, but no special preference shall be given to slates. There is no quorum requirement for the caucus.

There will be no admission or expense charge at the caucus, although donations may be solicited.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, philosophical persuasion, or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited.

Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed in writing with the Compliance Review Commission, c/o The Massachusetts Democratic State Committee, 11 Beacon Street, Suite 426, Boston, MA, 02108, no later than February 29th.

Check Our Classifieds

Municipal Events

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Thursday, February 25th
Board of Appeals Meeting
Town Hall Annex
7:30 P.M.

Monday, March 7th
Town Council Meeting
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8:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 8th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School
7:00 P.M.

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Police Arrest 14 And Receive 248 Calls

Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey of the Agawam Police Department has released crime statistics for the town for week ending Sunday, February 14th. The stats included 248 total calls answered, and 14 arrests.

Crime stats included one armed robbery, four breaking and entering, 20 larcenies, four malicious damage, 27 nuisance persons, 26 suspicious activity, 12 alarms (11 false), 17 property damage due to accidents, two personal injuries due to accidents, and three Fire Department assists.

Also, 18 ambulance assists, three citizen assists, five disturbances, 15 disabled motor vehicles, three missing persons (one returned), nine civil disturbances, one insecure building, and 66 miscellaneous calls.

On February 9th, **Arturo Gonzalez**, 323 Central Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant for default on a possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. Arresting officers were Detectives Joe Dymon and Thomas Marmo, and officers Gary O'Brien, Donald Gallerani, and Keith Bopko.

On February 10th, **Timothy Golden**, 28 Center Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant for motor vehicle violations. Arresting officers were James Lewis and Richard Conlon.

On February 10th, **Kenneth C. Butricks, Jr.**, of 41 Malden Street, West Haven, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with speeding and driving without a license. Arresting officers were James Lewis and Richard Conlon.

On February 10th, **Joanne Hillios**, 1172 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Dennis Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Anthony Malone and Charlene Bushey.

On February 11th, **Thomas J. Speight**, 300 Elm Street, East Longmeadow, was arrested and charged with an outstanding East Longmeadow Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Michael Gruska.

On February 11th, **Ernest J. Petkovick**, 40 Valleyview Street, Suffield, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Joseph Edwards, Richard Light, Jr., and Brian Connor.

On February 11th, **Joseph Morrison**, 41 Quail Run Road, Suffield, Connecticut, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Joseph Edwards, Richard Light, Jr., and Brian Connor.

On February 12th, **Ronald M. Hebert**, 27 Forest Hill Road, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department motor vehicle warrant. Arresting officer was Richard Curry.

On Friday morning, February 12th, at 5:25 a.m., officers Paul Murphy and Robert Landers were dispatched to the Hamilton Circle area of town in regards to several fire hydrants that had been turned on. Upon their arrival, with the assistance of Sergeant Kenneth Grady, the water was shut off. The officers noticed footprints in the freshly fallen snow, and Officer Murphy followed them into several area driveways where it was apparent that cars had been entered.

Further tracking on foot took him into fields, through backyards and into wooded areas. At one point the footprints brought him to an abandoned all terrain vehicle apparently left in the snow. While Officer Murphy continued on the trail, Officer Landers began checking surrounding areas with his cruiser.

Finally the footprints separated and went to two different houses where it appeared that the suspects retired. Occupants of both houses were awakened and further information was obtained. Suspects were questioned later in the day and as a result, a search warrant was obtained. Detective Richard Niles and Detective Joseph Dymon, along with Officer Brian Connor served the warrant at 12:45 a.m., Saturday morning, February 13th. As a result of the efforts of all these officers, well over \$2,000 in property was recovered, and three arrests were secured.

On February 13th, **Duane E. Clark**, 121 Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance with intent to distribute, cultivation of a Class D substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of fireworks. Arresting officers were Detective Richard Niles, Detective Joe Dymon, and Officer Brian Connor.

On February 13th, **John W. Piccoli**, 1214 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding State Police warrant. Arresting officer was Michael Gruska.

On February 14th, **Thomas J. Connor**, 1537 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Donald Gallerani.

Agawam Crime Prevention...

Beware Of Those Seedy Scams!!!

by Officer Wayne Macey

From substandard driveway sealing jobs to non-existent charitable organizations, more and more people are experiencing the financial loss and embarrassment caused by the con artist and his large bag of schemes. Although P.T. Barnum tried to warn us when he said, "There's a sucker born every minute," we have none-the-less continued to demonstrate our weakness when it comes to money, people, and our ability to conduct business. We often allow ourselves to be intimidated by those who would approach our telephone or doorstep. The results being that we once again allowed ourselves to become victims of the con artist.

In order to understand this person and how he/she operates, we must first understand the nature of the beast. Con artists will always migrate toward the weak and vulnerable, people who look like they are too busy or too naive to think things through properly.

In order to combat being "taken" by one of these unscrupulous individuals, we should be alert to follow the following rules.

1. **Whether on the phone or in person**, never accept a person's word for who they are and what they represent. Always insist on positive identification.

2. **If any work is to be performed**, always get references and check out each one carefully.

3. **Check with the police department** to find out if this person or organization is properly registered with the town.

4. **Allow no one into your home** and don't be distracted to the point where you lose sight of one or any of the people you are dealing with. A favorite ploy is to ask to use the bathroom or make a phone call in another room while someone stays in the kitchen with you.

5. **Pay nothing until the job is complete** and you are satisfied.

6. **Beware of those deals** that sound too good to be true. Your feelings are probably correct and the bottom line is you always lose.

7. **Don't allow yourself to be intimidated**, coerced or otherwise talked into buying something you don't need and never wanted.

8. **If there is any doubt** as to the validity of the person or organization they are alleged to represent, contact the police department immediately and verify.

As long as there are people in the world willing to fall prey to the schemes and con games available on the market today, there will be more than enough con artists to go around. We must protect ourselves and constantly be alert to the fraud and nonsense these people would have us buy. While it will probably remain true that none of us want to show or tell our age, it should also remain imperative that we act it, and further demonstrate to others that we weren't born yesterday. **Let the buyer beware.**

LEGAL NOTICE

Worono Savings Bank of Westfield, MA, has announced its plans to apply to the FDIC for a new branch bank with remote ATM to be located on College Highway (Route 202) in Southwick, MA., near the BIG Y Shopping Plaza.

LEGAL NOTICE

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office located at 160 Gould Street, Needham, MA., 02194. Comments should be filed with the FDIC at the above address before processing of this branch application has been completed.

Processing of this branch application will be completed no earlier than 15 days after publication of this notice or 15 days after FDIC's receipt of the application, whichever is later. The period may be extended by the Regional Director for good cause. The non-confidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within one day following the request for such file.

It may be inspected in the corporation's regional office during business hours. Photocopies of information in the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the regional office.

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INVESTMENT INCOME

HERE'S A NEW TAX LAW TIP

Generally, the new tax law requires children and other dependents to file tax returns for 1987 if:

- they have any investment income, such as interest on savings, and
- this investment income plus any wages is more than \$500.

Publication 922 contains detailed information. To get one, call the IRS Forms number in your local telephone directory.

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McIntosh Apples - 3 Lb. Bag	99¢
Red Or White Grapefruit	2/59¢

For all the hometown news, townsfolk turn our pages - AAN!

FIRE-WISE - By Chief Rusty Jenks

Keep A Lid On Cooking Fires

Fires and burns caused by cooking account for thousands of serious and painful injuries every year. Many of these injuries could have been prevented or lessened if people were more careful and if they knew how to react to a cooking fire. The Agawam Fire Department wants you to protect yourself while cooking and suggests these safety tips.

Most cooking fires start with grease. Cooking oil, melted fats from meats or other grease is a flammable liquid that can easily get so hot it flares up, so be extra careful when cooking with oil or juicy meats. Keep the heat as low as possible. And never leave cooking unattended, even for a minute.

If grease ignites while you're cooking, you must smother the fire quickly and carefully. If the fire is in a pan on your stovetop, smother it by sliding the pan's lid or a larger pan onto the top of the burning pan.

Never throw water or flour on a burning pan — water will spread the flames and flour will actually explode! And don't try to pick up the pan to carry it across the room or outside. These may seem like logical actions, but they cause serious injuries and make the fire worse.

Do not turn on the exhaust fan over the stove. This would suck the fire inside the walls of your home. If the

fire is in your oven, turn off the heat and leave the door closed to cut off the fire's air supply.

You can use a portable fire extinguisher if you have one and know how to use it. A fire extinguisher is an excellent safety appliance for your kitchen. But don't wait until a fire starts to learn how to use it. There won't be time to read the directions!

If the fire is too large to safely cover or for your fire extinguisher, leave the house immediately and call the fire department from a neighbor's phone. Trying to fight a fire yourself when it's too large can cause far more extensive damage and can result in serious, unnecessary injury.

As a preventive action, keep your cooking appliances, including stovetops, burners, ovens and broilers, clean. Built-up grease can flare up easily, causing dangerous and damaging fires.

And keep combustible materials — paper towels, dish towels, paper bags, cookbooks, and food packaging away from the stove or other heat source. Keep your kitchen fire-safe.

Rep. Walsh Sets Hours

State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) will be holding office hours for his constituents, Friday, February 19th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

These hours will be held at the Agawam Senior Center at Meadowbrook Manor.

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IRS: Make Taxes Less Taxing - Do Them Now

Circulated by the Boston District office of the Internal Revenue Service, these questions and answers are typical of those asked by taxpayers and are presented as a public service.

Q. When should I file my tax return if I expect a refund?

A. File your return as soon as you have all supporting information necessary to prepare an accurate return. A taxpayer who files a tax return as early as possible in January or February will probably receive the refund in four to six weeks. If the return is filed in March or April, however, normal processing time can take up to ten weeks.

Q. What can I do to speed up receipt of my refund?

A. One way to help the IRS process your return faster is to check your tax return very carefully and to attach all Forms W-2 and schedules. Missing information and attachments can delay processing a return. An accurate return means a faster refund. Also, use the peel-off label that comes in your tax package.

Q. Will I still be able to take deduction for medical and dental expenses?

A. Yes, but you can deduct only the unreimbursed part that is more than 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income.

Q. What interest deduction can I take on my home?

A. Generally, if you itemize deductions on Schedule A (Form 1040), you can deduct all mortgage interest on your principal residence and second residence for

all mortgages secured on or before August 16, 1986. On mortgages secured after that date, you will generally be limited to deducting interest only to the extent that the loans are not more than the purchase price plus the cost of improvements.

Q. Are there any exceptions?

A. Yes, you may deduct the interest on a mortgage secured after August 16, 1986, that is in excess of the purchase price plus the cost of improvements if the mortgage interest results from borrowing money for qualified medical or educational purposes.

Q. Can I take a deduction for tax return preparation?

A. Yes. However, miscellaneous deductions such as tax return preparation expenses, union dues, and subscriptions to trade magazines are deductible only to the extent that they exceed two percent of your adjusted gross income.

Q. Is there a complete list of publications available through the IRS? How can I get one?

A. Publication 910, "Guide to Free Tax Services", lists IRS publications that are used most frequently. It also describes the free tax services available to you from the Internal Revenue Service.

These services include free publications; toll-free telephone service, including recorded tax information and automated refund information; education programs such as Small Business Workshops; and films that are available for loan to groups. Publication 910 is available by calling toll-free 1-800-424-3676.

Your Retirement Investment Shouldn't Get Lost in the Shuffle.

The recent instability of the stock market may have you wondering if you've been dealt a losing hand with your investments. You, like many others, may be thinking about your retirement income, and also looking for other options.

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The new tax laws might seem a bit confusing, so when the time

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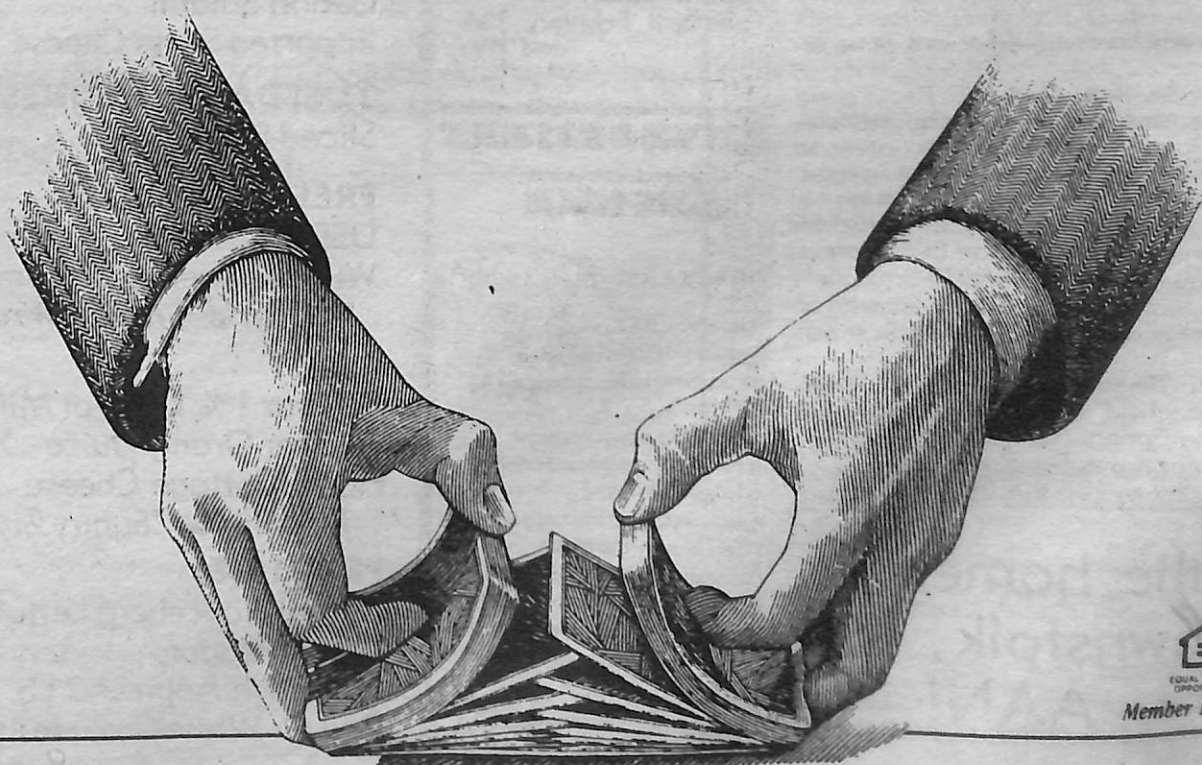
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Agawam Obituaries

Jan Dzienisz

Jan Dzienisz, 66, of 29 Lincoln Street, Feeding Hills, a retired laborer for Adams & Ruxton Construction Company, Springfield, died in Baystate Medical Center. He worked there more than 30 years, and was assigned to work at Monsanto Chemical Company, retiring in 1986.

Born in Poland, he was imprisoned at the age of 17 in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. He was liberated at the end of the war, and came to this country. He settled in Springfield before moving to Feeding Hills 15 years ago.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills.

He leaves his wife, the former Ellen M. Claus, three brothers and two sisters, all in Poland.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 201 Westfield Street, West Springfield, MA, 01089.



WARREN C. BODURTHA

Warren C. Bodurtha

Warren C. Bodurtha, 87, of 20 Main Street, Ellington, Connecticut, retired employee of Magovern Company, Inc., Windsor Locks, died Thursday, February 12th, in a local nursing home.

Born in Agawam where he lived the major part of his life, he was a direct descendant of the first Bodurtha family to settle in Agawam.

While in Agawam, he served as Constable, School Board member, and a Volunteer Fire Department member. He was also a former member of the Mount Orthodox Masonic Lodge of West Springfield. He was a son of Henry E. Bodurtha, former Town Clerk, and twin brother of Dudley K. Bodurtha.

He lived in Ellington for the last 17 years. He was a member of the Ellington Congregational Church, and an honorary member of the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department.

He leaves his wife, Clintina (Wright) Bodurtha; a son, Richard K. Bodurtha of Agawam; a daughter, Marguerite Brown of Torrance, California; five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

There were no calling hours. Ladd Funeral Home, 19 Ellington Avenue, Vernon, Connecticut, was in charge of arrangements.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 20th, at 2:00 p.m., at the Ellington Congregational Church, 72 Main Street. Burial will be in Agawam Center Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department, 23 Main Street, or to the Ellington Congregational Church.

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Petition No. AG-1250
Street, White Birch Terrace
Ursula Retzler
Council Clerk

Cornelius F. Souvigny

Cornelius F. "Neil" Souvigny, 64, of 744 North West Street, Feeding Hills, formerly of Springfield and an employee of Springfield Label and Tape Company, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in West Springfield, he was graduated from the former Springfield Technical High School, and lived in the Springfield area all of his life. He was a World War II Navy veteran. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, and a former member of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Patricia A. Grout; two sons, Benjamin G. of Enfield and Neil F. of Danielson, Connecticut; two daughters, Jeanne-Marie Souvigny of Livingston, Montana, and Patricia C. Young of West Springfield; two brothers, Joseph E. of East Longmeadow and Alfred of Chicopee; a sister, Mary Souvigny of Chicopee, and six grandchildren.

The funeral was at T.P. Sampson Company's Chapel of the Acres and in St. Catherine of Siena Church, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Josephine A. Brinn

Josephine A. (Bembenek) Brinn, 67, of 379 River Road, Agawam, a retired employee of the former Worco Company, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. She previously worked for the Buxton Manufacturing Company.

Born in Lawrence, she lived in Agawam for 34 years. She was a member of the Calorie Counters Bowling League at West Springfield Lanes, and also had bowled in leagues at the Agawam and Riverside bowling lanes. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

She leaves her husband, Victor Brinn; two sons, Richard of Wilbraham and Garry of Agawam; two daughters, Lori Baran and Judith Brinn, both of Agawam; three brothers, Mickey, Walter, and Edward

Bembenek, all of Springfield; two sisters, Sadie Luty of Springfield and Helen Dudek of Ludlow, and three grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in St. Theresa's Church, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.

Charles A. Royce

Charles A. Royce, 70, of 5 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, a retired diesel mechanic for Roy's Towing Service, Springfield, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He retired in 1980.

Born in Charlestown, New Hampshire, he had lived in Agawam 15 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of Agawam Baptist Church, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, both in Charlestown.

He leaves his wife, the former Doris M. Simmons; two stepdaughters, Alice Seymour of Bradford, Vermont, and Elaine C. Pilon of Agawam; a brother, Ernest of Charlestown; 22 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Irene R. Fay

Irene F. (DeForge) Fay, 87, of 52 Howard Street, Agawam, a retired 45-year sorter at the Strathmore Paper Company, died in a local nursing home. She retired in 1960.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, she was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church. Her husband, Harry Fay, died in April, 1987.

She leaves a sister, Lucy Lavalette of Agawam, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave him a message.

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In The House

Business-Related Bills

by Rep. Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam)

The General Court took action on several bills during the 1987 legislative session involving the state's business community and manufacturing employers. Although some business leaders may believe that lawmakers did not act on enough pro-economic issues, there is general agreement among the business population that industry in Massachusetts made some significant progress in several key areas.

Business leaders considered a bill calling for the establishment of a state-supported pollution liability reinsurance mechanism one of their top priorities for the 1987 session.

This legislation, which was passed and became law, enables Massachusetts employers who can't get this necessary insurance commercially to obtain it through a reciprocal pooling arrangement.

Other business legislation that was enacted included a bill protecting employers from hostile takeover raids, and a bill that established a public pension financing and reform law.

The pension financing and reform law will begin putting the Massachusetts pension system on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. If it wasn't dealt with, many business leaders believe it would have become an economic timebomb, or the state equivalent of the federal deficit crisis.

Finally, in the area of economic development, the 1987 session created a small business incubator law which is designed to help people who operate businesses out of their homes to move into full-fledged businesses.

The key business issues on the calendar for the 1988 session include the complex universal health care bill, which I discussed a few weeks ago, and a parenting leave bill which looks to be a major issue with the Legislature this year. Business has expressed concerns over portions of both bills, and only time will tell how they progress.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MR. GERALD MASON who is seeking relief from Section 20-Paragraph 32 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the creation of a lot with less than the required frontage and square footage on the premises identified as 52 ROYAL STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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Dated this 15th day of February, 1988. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871 Ext. 2480.

Petition No. AG-1248

Street, Strawberry Hill Road
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Council Clerk

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Petition No. AG-1249

Street, Forest Hill Road
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Dated this 15th day of February, 1988. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 787-0391.

Petition No. 228098

Street, Reed Street
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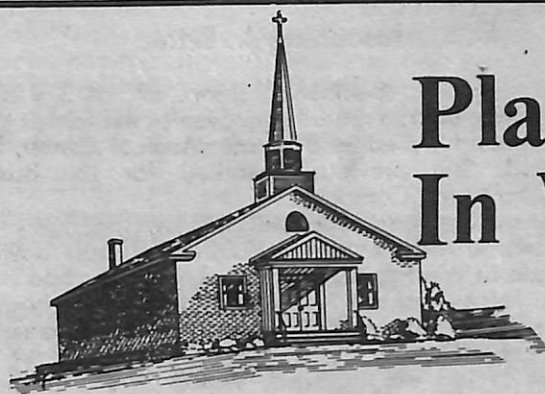
Dated this 15th day of February, 1988. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871 Ext. 2480.

Petition No. AG-1252

Street, Springfield Street
Ursula Retzler
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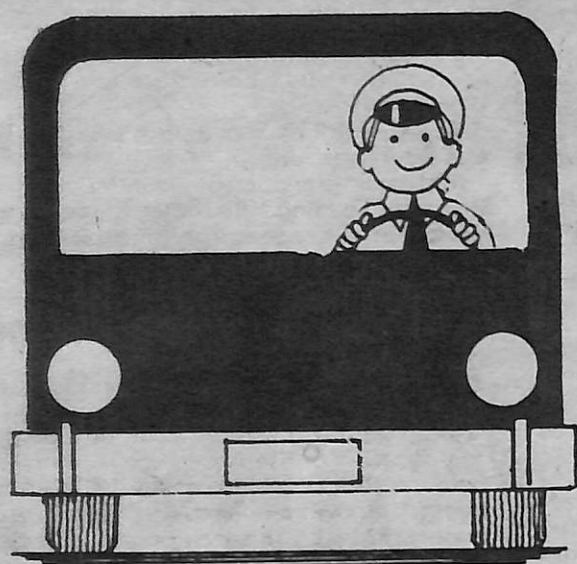
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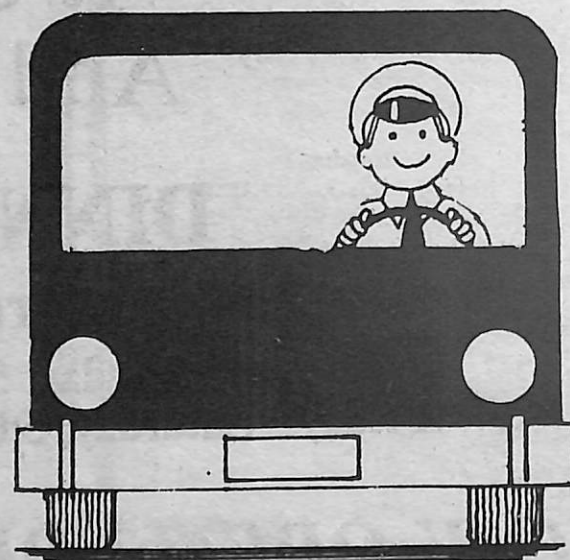
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MONDAY - SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

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Families



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT Harry J. Camyre (left) and Treasurer Joe Guy present Donald L. Hagode, international director, and Chris Pereglou, Sr., district governor, with a check for over \$12,500 for Massachusetts Eye Research, as well as a check for \$1,000 to Lions Orthoptic Clinic.

Lions & Lioness At Mid-Winter Conference

Over 400 Lion & Lioness attended the district 33 Lions 29th Annual Mid-Winter Conference recently held at the Quality Inn and Conference Center in Chicopee.

A large contingent of Agawam Lions & Lioness hosted a very successful Hospitality Room.

During the Saturday business session the Agawam Lions Club was proud to be able to present to Chris Pereglou Sr., District Governor of District 334, and Lions International Director Donald L. Nagode from

Pennsylvania a check for \$12,527.76 for Massachusetts Eye Research and a check for \$1,000.00 to Lions Orthoptic Clinic.

Monies for these donations came from fund raisers such as our chicken barbeque at the Eastern States Expo, pancake breakfast and our up-coming corned beef and cabbage dinner, supported by the good townspeople of Agawam. Without their support and the hard work of every Lion it would be difficult for us to make our budget each year.

Juniors To Hold Dance Saturday Night

Tickets are still available for the Goodbye to Winter Dance to be held this Saturday night, February 20th, at the Polish American Club, Feeding Hills. The dance, sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, will feature the popular disc jockey Kenny Hill. All your favorite old and new tunes will be played nonstop from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

A cash bar will be available, some snacks provided and you may also bring your own snacks. Tickets, which are \$6 per person, will be sold at the door. For information on reserving tables of 8 or more, call Rosalie at 786-2616.

Proceeds from the dance will benefit the Junior's special projects.

Michael & Rebecca Horton Announce Birth Of First Child

Michael and Rebecca (Becky) Horton of Chicopee are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Alyssa Lorraine, born February 2nd at Wesson Women's Hospital.

Alyssa weighed in at 7 pounds and 11½ ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Stratos of Feeding Hills. Paternal grandmother is Mary Horton of Chicopee. The great-grandmother is Mrs. Ann Tourigny of Chicopee.

Peter Forastiere To Speak At Junior's Meeting

On Tuesday, February 23rd, at 7:30 p.m., the monthly meeting of the Ag. Junior Women's Club will be held at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam. Peter Forastiere from Colonial Funeral Home, will speak on the subject of explaining death to our children.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact membership chairwoman Eileen Hamre, 789-2818. Guests are always welcome.

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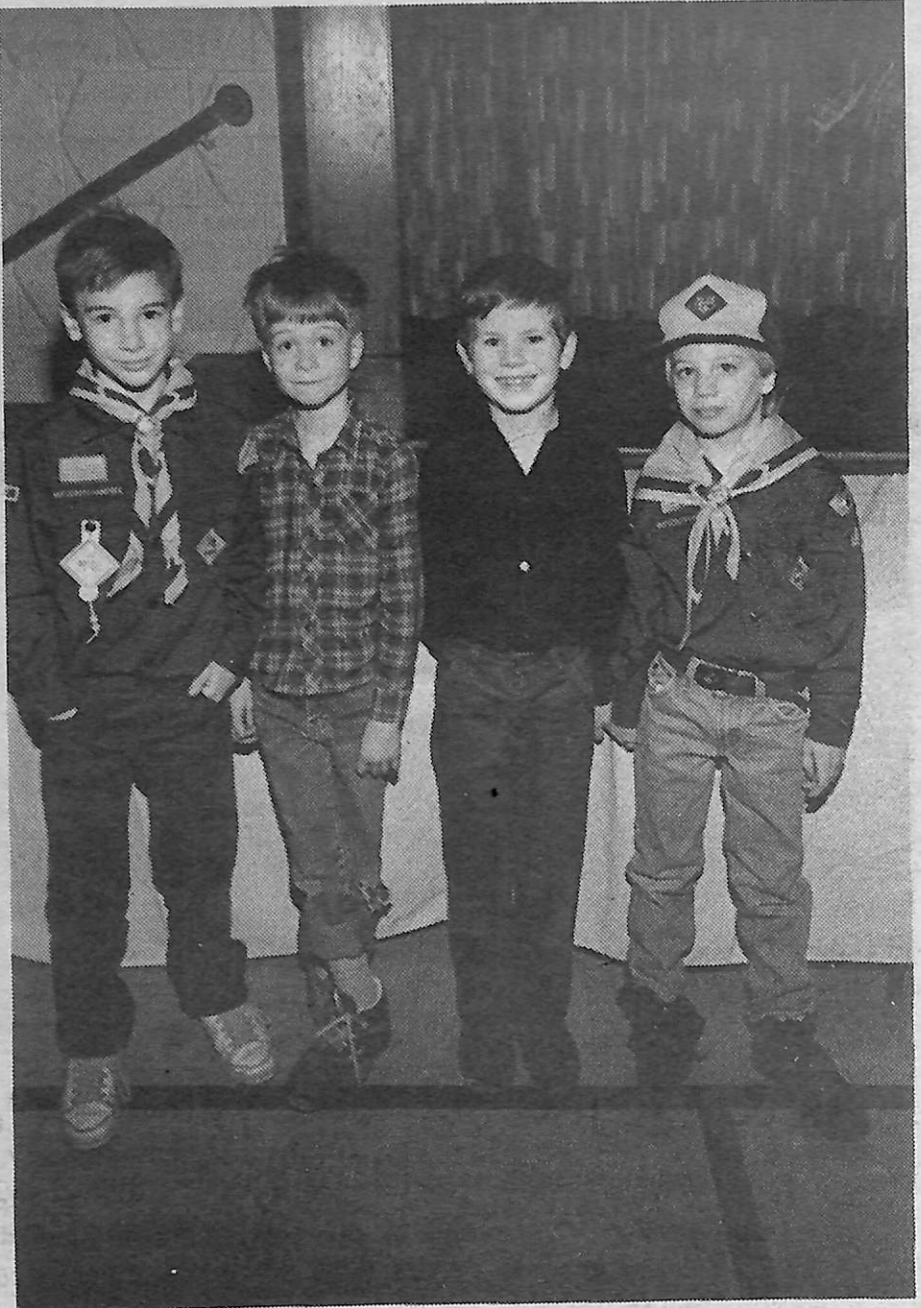
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DEN 2 CUB SCOUTS of St. John's Church who participated in the Father-Son "Cake Bake" included Jimmy Flood, Jason Flood, and Dave Martin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DEN 7 CUB SCOUTS of St. John's Church, from left - John Ward-Horner, Andrew Pond, Ryan Wilson, and Brad Tilden. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Cake Bake" Held By St. John's Pack 77

On Thursday, February 11th, Cub Scout Pack 77 of St. John the Evangelist Church held their Annual Father-Son "Cake Bake." Local Boy Scouts served as judges of the cakes which the boys and their fathers spent much time creating. The top prizes went to **Brian Swenson** and his father, first place; **Glenn & Greg Wegrzyn** and their father, second place; and **Todd Smelstor** and his father, third place.

For the evening's entertainment, each den had prepared a little skit to perform for the rest of the pack. Tom Stapleton's Den 6 invented a robot with the help of Groucho & Harpo Marx, while Den 1 did a sequel to last year's skit with their "Annual Scouts in Space."

The boys from Den 4 came dressed as famous people, and after giving the audience clues, they had to guess their identity. Den 5 gave their rendition of some patriotic songs, and Den 7 turned into monsters and did the "Monster Mash." The Webelos were the "Jiffy Docs," and fixed their patient Todd Smelstor up just fine. The evening concluded with Den 2 narrating a

slide show of their den and pack meetings through the last few years.

It was clear that a lot of hard work by the boys and their den leaders went into making this an enjoyable meeting for all.

The Annual Pine Wood Derby was held in January. Excitement filled the air as the boys lined up to weigh in their cars. Friends against friends, brother against brother; the derby proved to be a fun, friendly, and fast competition.

Friends and relatives cheered as their scout's car whizzed down the track toward the finish line. In the end, the three boys with the fastest cars were: First place, **Todd Smelstor**; second place, **Mark Lapienski**; and third place, **Daniel Hess**. All the boys were good sports, and had a great time participating in the derby.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, February 20th
Oldies Dance
Junior Women's Club
at Polish American Club
8:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 20th
Roast Beef Dinner
Order Of Eastern Star
Masonic Temple - West Side
6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23rd
Agawam Junior Women's Club
Peter Forastiere - Guest Speaker
Captain Charles Leonard House
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 28th
Cancer Benefit
VFW Women's Auxiliary
Dinner & Entertainment
2:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, March 6th
UNICO Macaroni Supper
Agawam High School
Noon - 5:00 p.m.



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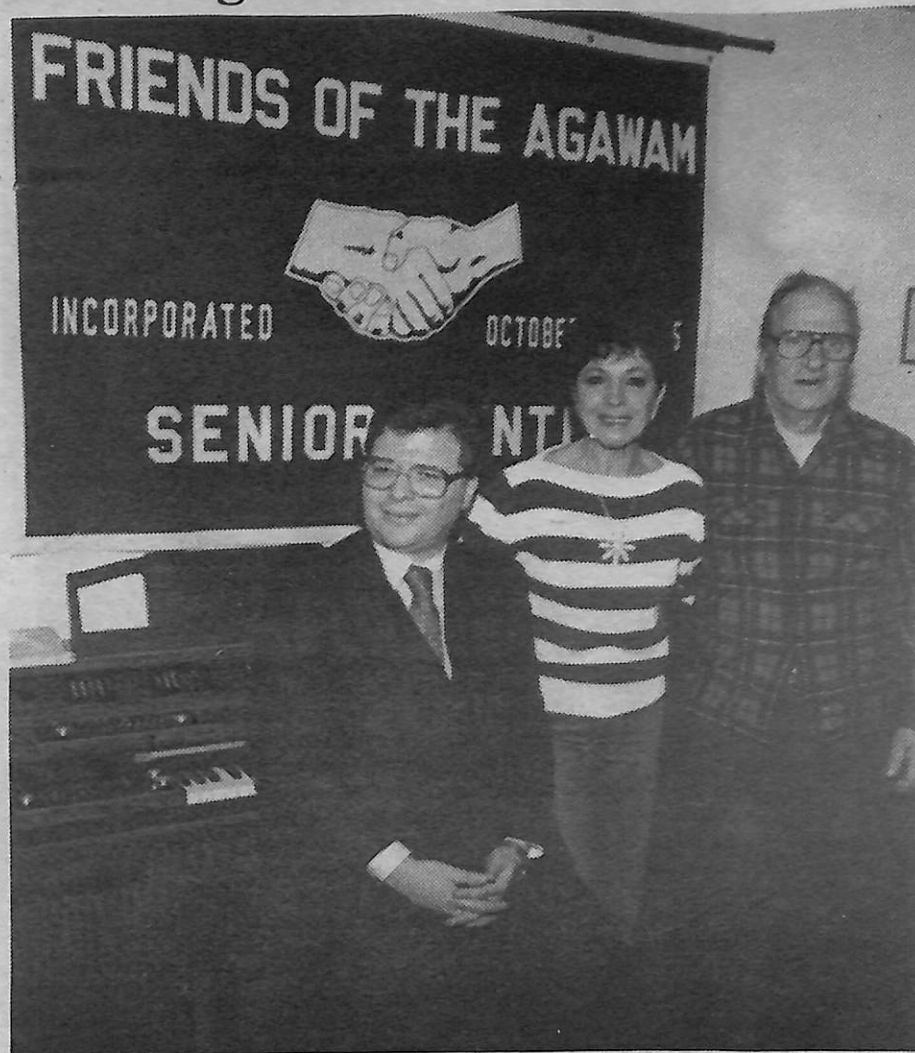
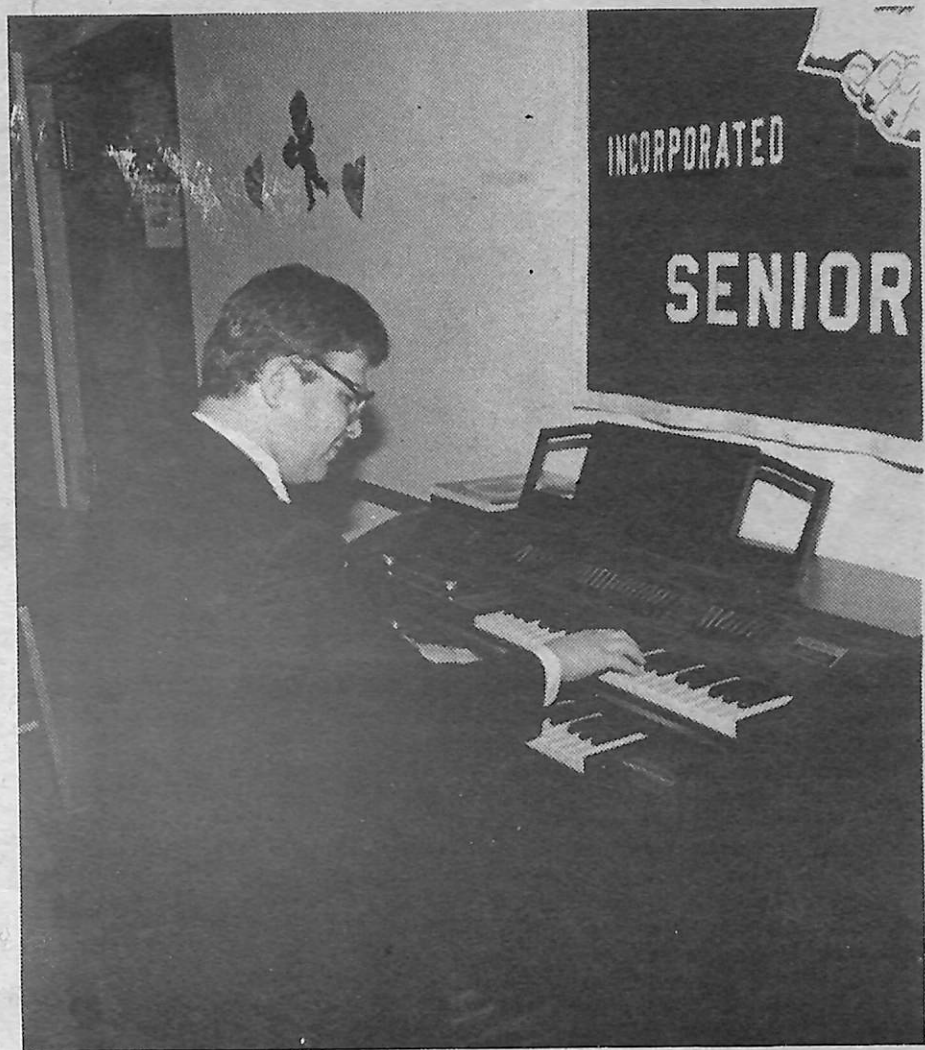


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Sounds Of Music Keyboards Donates Organ To Senior Center



RITCHIE MITNICK (photo left), owner and operator of Sounds Of Music Keyboards, South End Bridge Circle, Agawam, has donated an organ for use at the Agawam Senior Center. In photo right, Mitnick poses with Sandra Smith, activities director, and senior citizen Carmin Calento. The Senior Center was overwhelmed by the gracious gesture by Mitnick. Advertiser News

photos by Jack Devine.

News, Activities, & Calendar Of Events At Ag. Senior Center

February 18th, Thursday, 12:30 p.m.: Surprise entertainment.

February 23rd, Tuesday: Hearing van, 9:00 a.m., by appointment.

February 24th, Wednesday: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment.

February 25th, Thursday: Foot nurses, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., by appointment.

February 25th, Thursday: Commodities distribution, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There is a new telephone number (789-3838) for seniors reserving van rides from the Senior Center elderly transportation program. The number should be used by anyone wishing to make van reservations. For any other business or information regarding the Senior Center, please call 786-0400, extension 242. Please make a note of both numbers, and use accordingly.

A special program is coming March 17th; mark your calendars. The Agawam Junior High School String Orchestra, under the direction of Dorothy Hegarty, will be performing for our special St. Patrick's Day entertainment. The orchestra consists of 15 musicians from grades seven, eight, and nine. The group meets twice weekly as part of their regularly scheduled school program. Most of the students began the study of their instrument in the fourth grade, and have continued to participate as members of their school orchestra through the years. More on this talented group later.

April 12th: White Hart Inn, Banquet Theatre, Salisbury, Connecticut. Your afternoon will alternate between fine food and entertainment through your salad, entree, and the delicious desserts and coffee. \$29.75 per person includes all. All reservations must be made before March 1st.

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SENIOR CENTER - From Page 12...

May 19th: Gasho, West Point, Brotherhood Winery. Gasho of Japan, where you will stop for lunch, has the exotic atmosphere of a centuries' old Japanese farmhouse brought to America piece by piece and reassembled amidst acres of Japanese gardens. You will be able to stroll through the gardens and take a peek at the tea houses before lunch. A tour of West Point Military Academy is next, then to the Winery. Price per person, \$34 inclusive. All reservations before April 5th.

July 21st: Spirit of Boston, lobster clam bake, and the Mapapium Tour. Price per person, \$28. All reservations must be made before April 26th.

March 2nd: Bay Path Junior College, for the performance of "42nd Street." Donation per person is \$2. Van service is available for the handicapped. Reservations will be accepted through the ticket booth. Tickets are limited, and the van service is on a first come basis. Tickets will be issued on the night of the performance at the Senior Center.

Coming for 1988: Luncheon cruise around Manhattan Island by World Yacht Cruises; Le Grand David Majic Show, Beverly, Massachusetts, and lunch at Kings Grant Inn.

From "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center":

The Board of Directors and officers of "Friends," welcome more new members for 1988, and extend a thank-you for their support.

They include **Hazel French, George & Germaine Fontaine, Gladys Francazio, Gertrude Figiel, Lillian Fisher, Alice Fornier, Jessie Fuller, Sophia Fitzgerald, Frances Gagnier, Barbara Gingras, James Griffin, Gertrude & Andrew Gallano, and Wanda Godzina.**

Membership applications are available at the Ticket Booth, Senior Center. One does not have to be a senior citizen to join "Friends," only a resident of Agawam. If you are not a resident, you may become a donor if you feel the need to be a supporter. Membership dues are only \$3, and new members are always welcome.

Gas discount applications are available at the Agawam Senior Center. Discounts available on service only.

Handyman needed for minor home repair. Call the Senior Center for more details. All ages will be considered.

Commodities will be distributed at the Agawam Senior Center and Sacred Heart Church, Thursday, February 25th, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Special service: Income tax assistance, by appointment from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., every Wednesday at the same time through April 13th.

News, Activities At Heritage Hall Campus

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK!

Margaret "Peggy" Klein

Margaret (Peggy) Klein was born in Edgewater Park, New Jersey. Peg is the mother of three sons, Skip, Dan, and Tom. She has seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

A resident of Chicopee, Peg was employed for many years by the A.G. Spaulding Company. In later years, she obtained employment with the Springfield Hospital as a nurses' assistant.



MARGARET "PEGGY" KLEIN

Peg has only been at Heritage Hall a short time and has already participated in several programs. Her favorite is oil painting under the guidance of Ted Crowley. Peg's warm, friendly smile is a pleasure to see each day, and everyone enjoys having her as a member of the Heritage Hall family.

I Remember

by Gertrude Robinson

"Many times fate has altered my life, but there is one time that stands out so clearly."

I was living in Agawam and had reached a plateau in my life, my daughter was grown and I was a widow. Needing something to occupy my energy and talent, I answered an advertisement for a typist at a local hospital in Springfield.

While waiting for my interview, another applicant asked if I knew that Premoid of Agawam was looking for a keypunch operator. Well, I didn't know what a keypunch operator did, except it was like typing. I got up and left to go apply for the position at Premoid of Agawam, leaving her to obtain the job at the hospital, I guess.

I got the job at Premoid and discovered that keypunch was new to everyone. I learned the job inside and out. Over a period of three to four years, the staff grew with myself as the department head. Oh, how I enjoyed the work!

I am so glad that fate intervened that day."

Intergeneration Valentine's Day Project

On Wednesday afternoon, residents of Heritage Hall and children of the latch key program participated in an Arts & Crafts hour decorating tray covers to be placed on the trays Valentine's Day morning.

The trays were decorated with fancy hearts, flowers cherubs, and Valentine verses composed by the children and residents who attended the program.

Several other programs enjoyed by both residents and children are poetry, trivia, bowling, short stories, and cooking class.

The sharing of ideas and feelings between the children and residents is a delight to behold, and the atmosphere contains an abundance of warmth.

Weekly News!

Residents of Heritage Hall participate in a Weekly News Program every week. The program is enjoyable as well as informative as it allows them to stay abreast of the important events happening in the world today.

The news is projected upon a movie screen so everyone is able to read the information themselves. A pamphlet is also provided so information may be read to those who still find it hard to read.

Residents find the program worthwhile, as it enables them to continue to be a part of the outside world in which they live.

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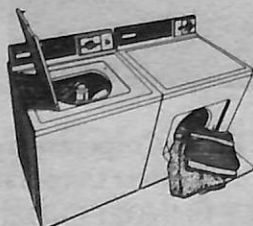
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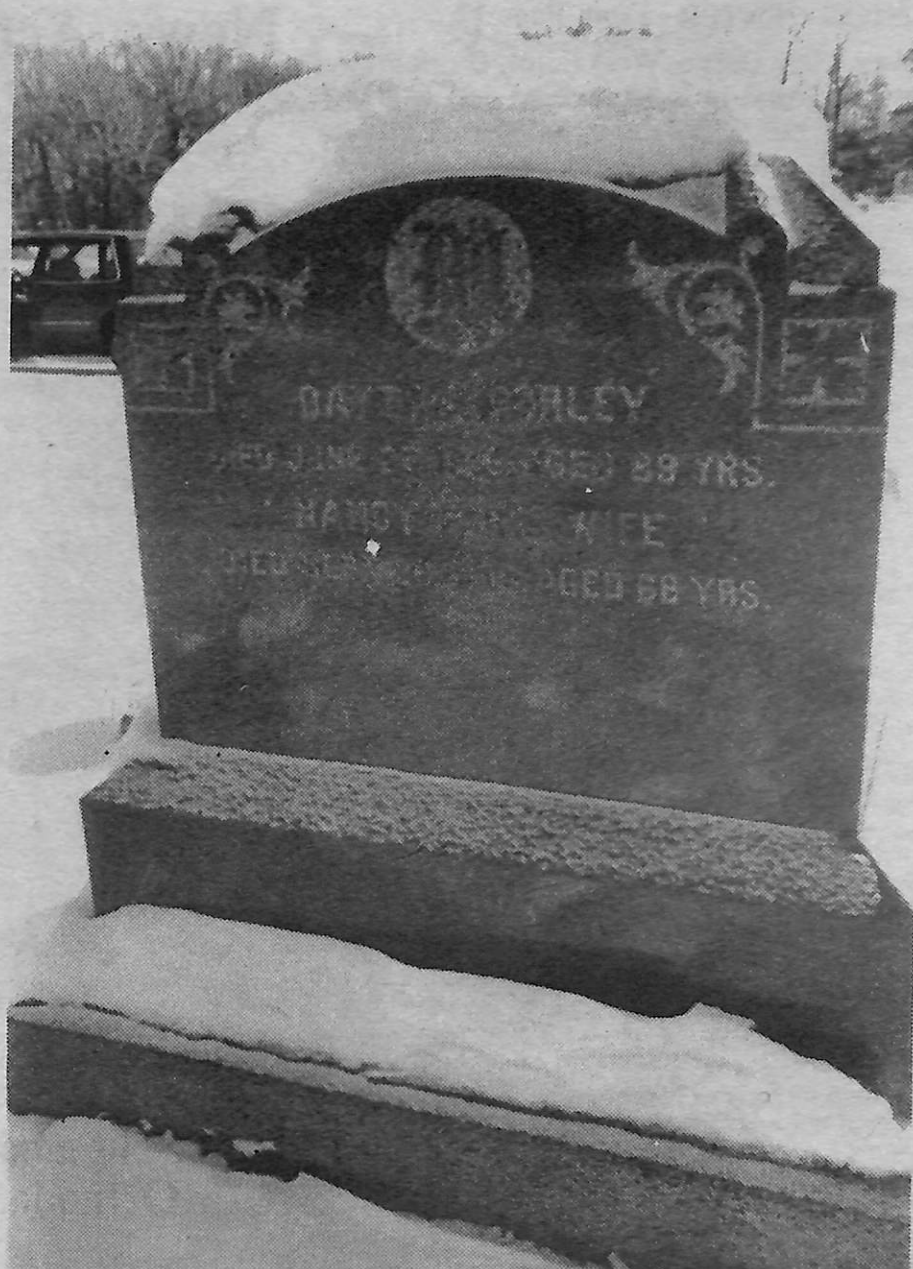


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THE GRAVES OF ABEL MORLEY and DAYTON MORELY (our civil war heroes, are located in the Springfield Street Cemetery. Dayton Morley was said to have participated in no less than 14 battles for the Union Army in the Civil War. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

in old Agawam...

by Marilyn & Dick Curry
Local Historians

Village Patriot Dayton Morley Leaves Currys In Quandry

Part I Of A Series

Dayton Morley-Soldier of the Union

Before the second in our series dealing with the Springfield Street Cemetery had reached the homes of many of our readers, we received a phone call from Francis O'Leary of Agawam. Mr. O'Leary expressed his interest in the story and went on to exclaim that a direct descendant, Dayton Morley, was buried at the local site. Of even further interest was the fact that Morley had served in the Civil War, having seen action in no less than 14 conflicts, including the Battle of Gettysburg.

As if this were not enough, Francis related that his uncle had been prisoner of war for three years, being interred at the Libby Prison, Richmond, Virginia. He was the last surviving member of the 38th New York Regiment, Grand Army of the Republic.

Our first inclination was to look further into Morley's service record. There appeared sufficient reason to believe that the local soldier's story may be more than meets the eye. We were not disappointed.

Morley, A Native Of Village

According to Mr. O'Leary's account, Dayton Morley was a native of Feeding Hills. Born in the village in August 1827, Dayton Morley was the son of Abel & Lodisa Morley of Feeding Hills. According to his obituary (*Daily Republican*), Morley was born in August 1827, and died June 26th, 1916 at Feeding Hills, where he and his second wife are buried. Apparently he had lived for a time in New York.

On the basis of Mr. O'Leary's statement, his direct descendant "was a member of the 38th New York Regiment, 'Scotts Life Guard.' Morley had participated

in 14 battles including Gettysburg, and spent three years in Libby Prison."

With this information, we knew there was a story. At that time little did we realize that considerable time would be devoted to this one veteran. Hours turned into days, and days into weeks of intense research, while in the end, we had but scratched the surface of Dayton Morley's military service.

Despite the dozen or more historical references employed during research, we shall mention four of those sources that provided substantial reference to the New York 38th Regiment: (1) *Personnel of the Civil War*, William Aman, Thomas Yoseloff, New York, 1961; (2) *North To Antietam*, Castle Books, New York, 1956; (3) *The Battle of Gettysburg*, Frank Aretas

Haskell, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, 1957; and, (4) *They Met at Gettysburg*, Edward J. Stackpole, Bonanza Books, New York, 1956. As to a matter of convenience, we shall account for quotations as ascribed by number, 1-2-3-4.

8th New York Regiment Of Infantry

Mr. O'Leary was most emphatic when he told us that Dayton Morley was the last surviving member of the 38th regiment, Grand Army of the Republic. To substantiate this matter, we referred to resident Andrew Gallano's 1962 record of local veterans in order to verify that the man in question was locally interred. He was located at the Springfield Street Cemetery, under the listing of Civil War veterans.

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Adult Programs Offered At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, is currently accepting registrations for a variety of adult programs. Pre-registration is required three days in advance of each program.

"On The Trail Of Quabbin Wildlife," Saturday, February 20th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., will be led by Dave Gallup, an experienced naturalist well-acquainted with animal tracks and signs. Spend a full day in the "accidental wilderness" searching for evidence of the great variety of wildlife that lives there. Be prepared for several miles of strenuous walking through a little travelled area. Group size is limited, and participants must be 12 years or older. Fees for the program are \$10 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$14 for non-members.

Explore Laughing Brook Wildlife Sanctuary by the light of the full moon in "Winter Woods By Moonlight," Thursday, March 3rd, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tom Tynning, author of the popular "Nature" column in the *Springfield Union-News*, will lead a walk through woods and field focusing on interpreting clues from the tracks left by animals passing through, observing Cassiopeia and Gemini overhead, and searching for signs that winter is loosening its grip. Participants must be 12 years or older. Fees for the program are \$4 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$6 for non-members.

"Salamanders On The Move," a two-part program, begins Sunday, March 13th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Usually only a lucky few witness the migrations that occur with the first warm rains each spring when salamanders by the hundreds travel from their wintering sites to temporary spring pools to reproduce.

Scott Jackson, a University of Massachusetts Wildlife Biology master's student, will present an introduction to the world of amphibians in preparation for a field trip on the "big night." The second part of the program, a field trip to a local breeding pond, will take place on the night when the big move occurs. Participants will be notified by phone when the night is at hand. Fees for the program are \$4 for Massachusetts Audubon members, and \$5 for non-members.

AHS Class Of '43 Seeking Classmates

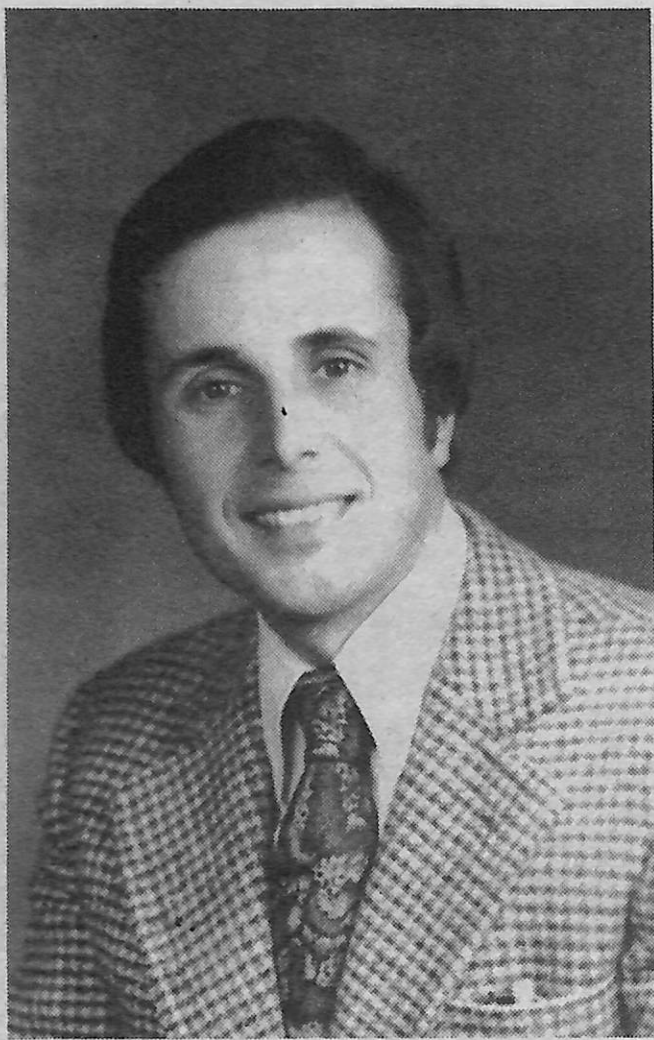
The Agawam High School Class of 1943 is holding its 45th Class Reunion, Saturday, September 10th, at the Monte Carlo, West Springfield.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the following classmates, should notify Barbara Rivers, 786-3582: **Edith (Gutafson) Gibbey, Frances (Kaskeski) Harrison, and Carolyn Hunt.**

Agawam Women's Club Sponsors Crystal Party

The Agawam Women's Club will sponsor a crystal party, Monday, February 22nd at 8:00 p.m.

It will be a fun night for everyone. Please bring a friend. See you at the Captain Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.



Dr. Giuseppe P. Santaniello

Dr. Santaniello Opens Office For Orthodontics In F.H.

Dr. Giuseppe P. Santaniello, formerly of Agawam, has opened an office for the practice of orthodontics at 23 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills Center.

Dr. Santaniello also has an office in Springfield as well as in Enfield.

Dr. Santaniello received his doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Maryland Dental School, Baltimore, Maryland.

He served with the U.S. Air Force before his post-graduate residency in orthodontics at State University of New York at Buffalo, where he received a master's degree.

The son of Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Santaniello of 27 Joseph Street, Agawam, Dr. Santaniello attended Springfield Public Schools and American International College.

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We encountered our first roadblock when we referred to Everets' text. We discovered that the author had mentioned Morley's assignment to the Massachusetts 38th Regiment rather than to New York! Assuming that we had discovered an error in the soldier's displacement, we informed Mr. O'Leary, who raised a question of doubt as to Everets' accuracy.

Since we had no recourse to a regimental history of the Massachusetts regiment, we proceeded to accept O'Leary's account that offered more specific detail of his descendant, hoping that this oral history might prove more fruitful. By so doing, we do not imply that Everets' valuable history is to be questioned, since at the time of its publication (1879), complete Civil War data was yet to be compiled.

Using Amann's detailed compilation of military personnel (1) for both the Confederate and Union Armies, we were able to account for the Scott Life Guard, 2nd unit, as a synonym for that New York unit assigned to the 38th Regiment of Infantry.

Since we did not intend to discount the possibility of the Massachusetts regiment (38th), we scanned Amann's list of synonyms (local units) and final assignments (regiments to which the local units were finally assigned). We were unable to account for reference to the Massachusetts regiment, other than mention to its existence by way of the compiler's list of General Officers—"*Colonel Timothy Ingraham, 38th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, from October 2nd, 1865.*"

We were able to substantiate the Scott Life Guard (2nd) as having been assigned to the New York 38th Regiment Infantry. The unit, as well as the regimental designation, is clearly defined within Amann's compilation, even to mention Colonel John H.H. Ward, 38th New York Volunteers, who was in service in that regiment from October 4th, 1862, to July 18th, 1864.

Although we do not know for certain as to Morley's date of enlistment, we can assume that he was a member of that regiment, which according to historical facts, was probably put into service shortly following the outset of the war.

We, therefore, used Ward's assignment as a basis for establishing the whereabouts of the regiment's location during the year 1862, hoping that Dayton Morley might have been a member of the many campaigns in which the 38th fought prior to the Battle of Gettysburg.

Mr. & Mrs. James Yelinek Announce Birth Of Son

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Yelinek are proud to announce the birth of their first son, James Jeffrey, Jr., born on January 26th, 1988. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 12 ounces and was 20½ inches long.

The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Yelinek, Sr. of Feeding Hills, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Boutin of Westfield.

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Agawam High Marching Mohawks Recognize Members

The Agawam High School Marching Mohawk Band and Color Award Dinner was held last Wednesday at the Springfield Turnverein in Feeding Hills.

Two hundred and fifty parents and students met for a fine supper put on by the club, with parents bringing assorted desserts. A number of special guests were on hand to receive "Booster Awards," including Jack Devine (a former band parent himself) who has to have a double to cover all of the town events that he manages to handle; Sally Lowell, retired director of Agawam's Elementary and Summer Band Program for many years; and James Kallipolites, a local drummer who has taught dozens of Agawam students over the years, as well as serving in the Summer Program and assisting with the drum section of Elementary Band.

Sally and Jim are also former band parents, with Sally's three sons all playing horns, and Jim having a son and daughter, as well as two grandsons take part in the program.

Band Parents "Booster Awards" were given to parents of senior members. These included **Barbara Connery, Barbara Tessicini, Billie-Ann and David Carpenter, Paul Ciborowski, Joanne Fisher, John Kallipolites, Anne Twarog, and Dee Ziegert.**

Band and Color Guard members receive "ballot-box" fun awards from their respective student leaders in various humorous achievements and characteristics. All members of both groups also received a special new "Mohawk" emblem which will signify their first year of active participation in the "Marching Mohawks."

Color Guard members receive special pins or charms for each of their years of membership, while band members receive a music lyre emblem as sophomores and seniors, along with service bars for each year of membership.

Drum Majors and Color Guard captains receive



AGAWAM HIGH BAND PARENTS who received awards included, from left - John Kallipolites - has instructed the Mohawks' percussion section; Joyce Thompson, wife of band co-director Scott Thompson, Connie Audry, and Billie-Ann & Dave Carpenter, who have all assisted in many band-related projects. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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BAND DIRECTOR Darcy Davis with his supportive mother, Alice Davis, and his wife, Ruth Davis, at the band's awards supper last Wednesday night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH BAND PARENTS OFFICERS for 1987-88. From left - Dee LaFerriere, secretary; Bev. LaFerriere, treasurer; Gary St. Hill, president; Mary White, first vice-president; and Ann Twargo, second vice-president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MARCHING MOHAWKS DRUM MAJORS Terri Cimaroli and David Ziegert assisted in the many prizes and accolades that were awarded at the band's awards dinner. Terri is also first clarinet in the school's Concert Band, while David plays lead trumpet in both Concert and Jazz Bands.



MARCHING MOHAWKS FLAG CAPTAIN Dina Tessicini and **Rifle Captain** Elizabeth Marzano. Both were recipients of awards. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

ching Mohawks and Parents

special picture awards and featured baton twirlers special majorette trophies.

Darcy Davis is completing 32 years as Agawam High Band Director and his wife, Ruth, and mother, Alice, received thankful recognition for supporting all the contingencies that are involved with a busy program.

Co-Director Scott Thompson and his wife, Joyce, were also recognized for their contribution along with their daughter, Becky, and son, Josh, who have become the newest and littlest "Mohawks" during the band's many appearances.

For many years, the Agawam High Band Parents have gone beyond the call of duty in supporting the program with both time and money. Their efforts have made many things possible over the years that could not have been considered without them.

In addition to the many fund-raising projects that pay for the band's transportation and many uniforms and equipment items, parents are present at rehearsals and performances throughout the year. Parents handle student accounts, bus lists, room lists, equipment moving and set-up, care and upkeep of uniforms and flags, and just about any and all problems that might occur.

The AHS Band Award Supper makes a special night during the lull between the busy fall season and the spring events that will start again in March. The Mohawks will make their usual appearances at the Worcester and Holyoke St. Patrick Parades, along with the opening of the Western Mass. Home Show at the Better Living Center on the Exposition grounds.

This year, the Color Guard will also have a special event in Holyoke, Saturday, February 27th. Student members have heavy demands put upon them in both rehearsals and performances, and fully deserve the recognition given to them at the "Awards Dinner," noted Davis.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Band Officers, from left - Chris Fillion, librarian; Kim Hebert, secretary; Steve Kallipolites, manager and trumpet soloist; Shawn Ciborowski, vice-president and section leader for percussion; and Jeff MacKechnie, president. He is an All-Western Mass. and All-State player, and was Agawam's nominee to the McDonald's All-American Band this year. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Dee Ziegert,
vice-president;



BAND DIRECTOR DARCY DAVIS (left) presented awards to James Kallipolites, a private drum instructor who helps with the Elementary and Summer Bands; and Sally Lowell, who directed the Elementary Band for 23 years as well as the Summer Band Program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BOOSTER AWARDS were presented to Gerry LaFerriere, who has assisted in taking many videos of the band this year, and Anne Twarog, who has instructed the Honor Guard for the past two years in addition to serving as a Band Parents officer for the past six years. Looking on (right) is Band Director Darcy Davis.



SCOTT THOMPSON (left), director of the AHS Concert and Jazz Bands, also assists with the Marching Mohawks. He is pictured with Band Director Darcy Davis. Thompson's two children, Becky and Josh, are the mascot flag bearer and equipment helper, respectively. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM'S FEATURED BATON TWIRLERS, Alyson Manning and Kristy Wage have been State and New England Parade Champions the past two years, and were awarded trophies acknowledging their achievements at the band's award dinner.

For Your Health...

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It's bad enough when other people put us down and give us negative vibrations; it's awful when we knock ourselves and become our own worse enemy.

That's precisely what we do when we spend too much time regretting the events of the past. "If only I had stayed in school and got a better education;" "If only I had taken better care of my body when I was younger;" "If only I had remembered our wedding anniversary;" "If only I had bought it when it was on sale." It's big issues or small. Both old and young fill their present moments with regrets about the past, whether that be distant past or yesterday's events!

Like it or not, as you read these words right now, you have a limited amount of mental energy and time. The surest way to pull the plug on your energy reservoir and waste time is to look back to the past with regret and guilt. Sure, we are the products of our history and we all carry the baggage of the past; we do ourselves in when we concentrate on past mistakes or omissions, on things we did or didn't do when the opportunity was there - a love lost, a job neglected, an education left incomplete, an accident that could have been avoided. Feeding sorry for yourself drags you down. Let it go if it can't be changed.

As a family member, this self-recrimination quickly goes beyond the individual and casts a fog of gloom over the entire family. The dissatisfaction and frustration soon spreads over the atmosphere of the home like

a cancer. The problem escalates and everyone gets sucked into the despondency and blues.

To one degree or another, each one of us engages in some of this "if only" syndrome. It tends to happen more frequently at the transition moments of our lives - the kids begin to leave home, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, retirement.

We then compound the problem by deceiving ourselves about the present: "maybe this time things will be different"; but we don't take any concrete steps to actually change the patterns that generated the past activity. We so want and need things to be better, we take an unrealistic view of life that is equally as destructive as the "if only" concentration on the past.

One way out of this trap is to begin to work at changing your mind set. That's not impossible; it can be done, but it takes work! Try to imagine the sunlight streaming through a west window late in the afternoon. The beam of light hits a crystal on a candlestick or chandelier and all of the colors of the rainbow appear on the wall. You can move the crystal and change how the colors line up on the wall. That crystal is your mind set, your way of thinking, your expectations.

You can alter the crystal so that the warm yellows appear at a certain point on the wall rather than the hostile reds. Maybe you can't change what has happened to you; you can't change the light streaming through the window. But you can change what it does to you; you can change the unpleasant emotion, the

guilt and frustration, to a more pleasant peace and acceptance of yourself.

You can be your own worse enemy or your best friend by the way you think! It just doesn't do any good for yourself or your family to look to the past with regret. Yes, it's still there like the light shining through the window, but you can process those events in a different way by taking charge over your own way of thinking; by changing the angle of the crystal you can produce calm yellow instead of guilt-ridden or angry red.

The next time you hear yourself thinking: "If only...", tune that out and replace it with, "So what...", or "What's the difference!"

When you recognize that you are deceiving yourself with an unrealistic hope that things will be different: "maybe this time...", tune that out and say to yourself, "it will change if I change". You can change self-defeating behavior, and you will change, if you work at changing how you think about these situations.

Anticipate those situations that tend to suck you into the trap of regretting the past events. Take a deep breath and short-circuit the "if only" statement; tune it out, turn it off and replace it with: "so what". Then concentrate on something you can do now. Be simple and realistic. Break the circle of dependency and get on with living.

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For Your Health - continued.....**Assn. For Retarded Celebrating 35 Years Of Service To County**

The Hampden County Association for the Retarded is celebrating its 35th year of service to the community and its citizens with mental retardation. Dedicated to helping communities welcome and include people with mental retardation and their families, the Association currently provides a variety of residential programs and respite services, which makes it possible for 230 people to live in communities throughout Western Massachusetts.

The Association is planning events to mark its anniversary year aimed at enhancing the community's understanding of the experiences of people with mental retardation and their families. At 8:00 p.m., Friday, March 4th, in the Bank of New England West's 23rd floor meeting room at Monarch Place, the Association is sponsoring a play entitled, "Sister, Sister," written by Karen Boettcher-Tate.

The play is a drama about an 18 year-old woman with mental retardation and her family. It will be performed by juniors and seniors from Worcester Academy, who are on tour with the play across the state. Admission is free and seating is limited to 150 people. Advance reservations are required, and may be made by calling the Association, 732-0531, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on any business day.

The doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the play begins at 8:00 p.m. The Association is grateful to the Bank of New England West for providing its 23rd floor meeting room at One Monarch Place for this production as a community service.

Advanced Life Saving Offered By Agawam Recreation Dept.

The Agawam Recreation Department is offering an advanced life saving course at the Agawam Junior High Pool beginning every Tues./Thurs. in March. The exact dates will be March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, and 24 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening. Cost of the 8 (2½ hour sessions) will be \$40.00 per person. Cost includes all materials. There will be a limit of 20 students.

Instructor for the course will be Denise Cardona. Registration will held daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the recreation office located at the Agawam High School - right side driveway, rear entrance. Look for the signs.

For further information, contact the recreation department at 786-0400, Extension 456.

Red Cross Still Needs Type "O" Blood

The American Red Cross Blood Services—Northeast Region (ARCBS-NR) announced today that the supply of group O blood (O positive and O negative) has dropped to a critical level. All healthy, eligible group O persons who donate regularly and those who have never donated before are asked to donate blood now.

Since the holidays when there were fewer blood donations, the region's supply of group O blood has not been adequately replenished. The recent severe winter weather locally and nationwide has made it impossible to eliminate the shortages. Additionally, hospital needs have increased.

"Group O is the most common blood type, representing 49 percent of the population. People with type O can receive only type O red blood cells, no other type

can be used. Consequently, we must not be out of O's," states Peter L. Page, M.D., ARCBS-NR director. "Giving blood is the 10 minute miracle. It takes only about 10 minutes to actually donate one unit of blood."

ARCBS-NR supplies blood components to over 150 hospitals in Massachusetts and Maine. Patients' needs have been met, but it is important to approach the optimal level as soon as possible.

Generally, anyone in good health, 18 years of age or older (17 year-olds must have a signed Red Cross guardian consent form), who weighs at least 110 pounds, and has never had hepatitis may be eligible to donate.

For more information about becoming a blood donor and helping to save lives, call the American Red Cross, toll-free, 1-800-922-HERO or (617) 461-2057.

Easter Seals Benefitting From Local Nursery Schools

The Children's School & The Kid's Place of Feeding Hills will participate in an Easter Seal HOP-N-ING—a two-part disabilities awareness program during the week of February 22nd. The program, organized by Easter Seals, is sponsored by the Zayre Corporation, and is for nursery schools, day care centers, and kindergarten students throughout Massachusetts.

During the first part of the Easter Seal HOP-N-ING, teachers from the school will help children become aware of the causes of physical disabilities. Also, they will introduce children to the various pieces of adaptive equipment used by people who have disabilities.

Part two of the program is a fundraiser for Easter Seals. Each participating child hops for three minutes,

and collects money for Easter Seals based on pledges received prior to the event.

This is the fourth year Easter Seal HOP-N-ING programs have been organized by the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society.

Last year, 325 nursery schools and day care centers participated in Easter Seal HOP-N-INGS, raising \$152,000 for local Easter Seal services.

Easter Seal Services include an equipment loan program, stroke support groups, swim and summer camping programs, post polio information groups, and a rehabilitative therapy team.

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Arts

Raucous Comedies Includes "Sister Mary" Now At StageWest

by Phil Benoit

Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

Last March, area theatregoers had the opportunity to see the Agawam Repertory Theatre (ART) perform the uninhibited and uproarious adult comedy *Beyond Therapy* by Christopher Durang. Now, thanks to StageWest, the public has the chance to experience two more of this satirical writer's works, the one-act plays *The Actor's Nightmare* and *Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You*.

Running at StageWest's S. Prestley Blake Mainstage until March 6th, this twofold production begins *The Actor's Nightmare*, a bizarre farce that is appropriately accompanied by the music from the now-classic *Twilight Zone* television series.

At the start of this story, we're introduced to George Spelvin (well performed by John Garson Gilbert), an accountant who is suddenly called upon to stand in for an actor in the lead role of a play. But, to George's horror and dismay, he has no idea what play is being performed and no dialogue memorized; in fact, he doesn't even know if he is actually an actor, since he cannot recall attending any theatrical rehearsals.

However, as this plot commences, poor George finds himself in a conglomeration of several plays, including Noel Coward's *Private Lives*, William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, the historical drama *A Man for All Seasons*, and the absurd comedies of Samuel Beckett.

What's more, he is adorned only with a Hamlet-like tunic and boxer shorts, and his ludicrous physical appearance is matched by the ridiculous developments that take place as George stumbles his way through this variety of diverse plays.

Although people who have worked in live theatre will most likely appreciate it the most, Durang's *The Actor's Nightmare* is still a vastly entertaining farce which can be enjoyed by all members of the audience. It's basically a comical fantasy that not only hilariously depicts the anxieties of a performer who has the worst kind of stage fright, but symbolizes both the unpredictable nature of real life itself and its simultaneously funny and frightening aspects.

Speaking of unpredictability, this trait is certainly typical of Durang's style as a playwright because you never know what is going to happen next in his comedies. And, nowhere is the element of surprise more apparent than in his best known and most acclaimed work, *Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You*, which rounds out this StageWest double bill.

An Obie Award-winning, 1980 play, *Sister Mary Ignatius...* focuses on a nun (Ellen Lauren) who gives us a lecture on a number of issues related to morality, life and death, and of course, the Catholic way of life. For instance, unrepentant sinners can be in purgatory for anywhere between 300 years to 750 billion years.

Yet, as Sister Mary tells us with a smile, when you consider that God's universe is infinite, even 750 billion years is not such a long time.

As we get to know her more and more, we realize that what makes her happy is when her young students at Our Lady of Perpetual Sorrow School listen to her teachings with unquestioning minds and obey her every command as if they came from God Himself. And, the perfect example of such a pupil is seven year-old Thomas (played by three different youngsters throughout the production), who rattles off the answers to her religious questions with much childlike fervor.

However, Sister Mary is in for the shock of her life when four of her former students return to the school to tell her what they really think about her. Now young adults, this quartet of once-faithful Catholics is comprised of Philomena (Dee Pelletier), who gave birth to an illegitimate child; a homosexual named Gary (John Garson Gilbert); the alcoholic and wife-beating Aloysius (Joseph S. Gullitti); and the emotionally despondent Diane (Kristen Wold), who says that her belief in God and her prayers to Him didn't do anything to lessen the extremely painful moments in her life.

Well-directed by Gregory Boyd (who also helmed the aforementioned *The Actor's Nightmare*), *Sister Mary Ignatius...* is a scathing parody of Catholic education in general, and how some of the cut-and-dried principles of Catholicism conflict with the ambiguous realities of everyday living in contemporary society.

In a manner reminiscent of the irreverent humor of the British troupe known as Monty Python, Durang goes for the throat of his subject matter, and his no-holds-barred approach to satire—especially in this most controversial comedy—will either leave you laughing your head off or feeling deeply offended, depending on your personal religious viewpoints.

But, whether or not you like *Sister Mary Ignatius...*, you can not deny Durang's attention-grabbing skills as a writer of plays. His snappy dialogue is consistently perceptive about human nature and how different people relate to one another, and his plots develop in a wryly outrageous and unexpected fashion that will undoubtedly stun and surprise you.

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ELLEN LAUREN in "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You," the irreverent comedy by Christopher Durang, playing at StageWest through March 6th.

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Sister Mary Ignatius..., in particular, has one of the most shocking and offbeat endings that I have ever seen, and the fact that its conclusion is not in the least bit predictable automatically makes it a play which is worthy of note.

Besides doing a fine job in brief roles in the 30-minute long *The Actor's Nightmare*, the cast members are also memorable in their meatier parts in the 60-minute *Sister Mary Ignatius...* Miss Lauren, as the title character of Sister Mary, is downright hilarious to watch.

Dressed in an old-fashioned nun's habit, she projects a demeanor that is self-consciously smug, and this quality is effectively conveyed through her patronizing pattern of speech, her perpetually glib smile, and her imposing physical carriage.

At the same time, Miss Lauren provides Sister Mary with a personality that is unarguably amusing and decidedly eccentric, thus turning her character into an unforgettable caricature of a stereotypical nun.

As Sister Mary's four onetime students, Miss Pelletier, Gilbert, Gullitti, and Miss Wold are poignant as young adults who confront their former teacher and voice their deeply-felt criticisms about her. Of these performers, Miss Wold is especially moving because her character is a bitterly sad individual who's life has had much more than its share of troubles.

Yet, before this serious-minded portion of the play, these actors and actresses enhance the humorous tone of *Sister Mary Ignatius...* Prior to revealing the real reason why they have returned to Our Lady of Perpetual Sorrow School, their characters entertain Sister Mary with a musical skit dealing with the life and death of Jesus Christ.

And, as is true about this comedy on the whole, this skit features profanely slapstick humor that is bound to upset those people who are conservative when it comes to religion, and is sure to be a source of uproarious entertainment to liberally-oriented theatregoers.

Renowned Caterer At Art Museum

Renowned caterer and cookbook author Martha Stewart will bring her delectable skills with food to the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts Wednesday, February 24th.

Mrs. Stewart's 11:00 a.m. talk, *The Art of Entertaining*, will be followed by a light luncheon, catered in the unsurpassed Stewart style. The luncheon menu will include recipes selected from Stewart's cookbooks.

Mrs. Stewart, a food columnist for national publications, is the author of *Quick Cook*, *Hors d'oeuvres*, *Entertaining*, *Pies and Tarts*, and her latest dazzling volume, *Weddings*.

Copies of her books will be available for sale during the event and Stewart will be on hand after the lecture to sign them.

To produce *Weddings*, a dazzling book over 100 new recipes, Stewart spent two years traveling across the country and attending 50 real weddings. Photographers took over 25,000 pictures for the book, ranging from scenes of a wedding in a Long Island mansion to nuptials at a farm in New Jersey.

Articles have appeared in many national magazines about Stewart, who is known for her unending energy, enthusiasm, and her elegant entertaining style. She has catered affairs for such well-known clients as Sotheby's, American Express, Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward, and Paloma Picasso.

She lives with her family in a rambling farm house in Westport, Connecticut. When she is not producing copy for her books or columns, or being interviewed by radio or television producers, she spends time tending her menagerie of chickens, dogs, and cats, and cultivating fresh vegetables and herbs in her garden.

Martha Stewart's appearance is being sponsored as a fundraiser for the Fine Arts Council of the Springfield Art Museums. The program is open to the public and reservations are needed. There is a fee. For more information, or to make reservations, call 732-6092.

Something Every Sun. Presents Victorian Picture Show

Enter the world of 19th century England by participating in *Victorian Picture Show*, Sunday, February 28th, at the Springfield Art Museums.

Running from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., this "Something Every Sunday Program" will highlight the ongoing special exhibition, *19th Century English Art from the Collection of Harold and Nicolette Wernick*. Step back into time with a Victorian stage show by the Dan Butterworth Marionettes, a watercolor demonstration and workshop, gallery walks of the special exhibition, and a film on 19th century art.

A series of free programs for people of all ages, "Something Every Sunday" creatively combines performances, art demonstrations, workshops, gallery walks, and films around a particular weekly theme. This year, "Something Every Sunday" is sponsored by Coopers and Lybrand and the Massachusetts Council for the Arts and Humanities.

From 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the Museum of Fine Arts, Dan Butterworth's Marionettes will state a *Victorian Carnival* to the delight and merriment of adults and children. His puppets will flounce and flutter on stage, in the air, and throughout the audience, highlighted by a special lighting system and period music.

Detail is the signature of Dan Butterworth's work, and many months of work and many talented people are involved in each project. Each Dan Butterworth marionette is a work of art; each is painstakingly hand-carved and specially hand-costumed. The natural, fluid movement of each puppet defies the wood from which it is made.

From 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, artist Valerie McQuillan will lead a hands-on workshop on creating your own watercolor painting. The sessions will stress the delicate and precise use of watercolors by 19th century artists.

An artist specializing in etching, woodblock prints and watercolors, Ms. McQuillan recently won first prize in graphics at the Westfest celebration in Westfield. Several of her works are available for sale or rental at the Sales and Rental Gallery at the Museum of Fine Arts.

From 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, artist Priscilla Souder will wield her paints and palette to give a watercolor painting and demonstration. Souder teaches adult watercolor classes at the School of the George Walter Vincent Art Museum.

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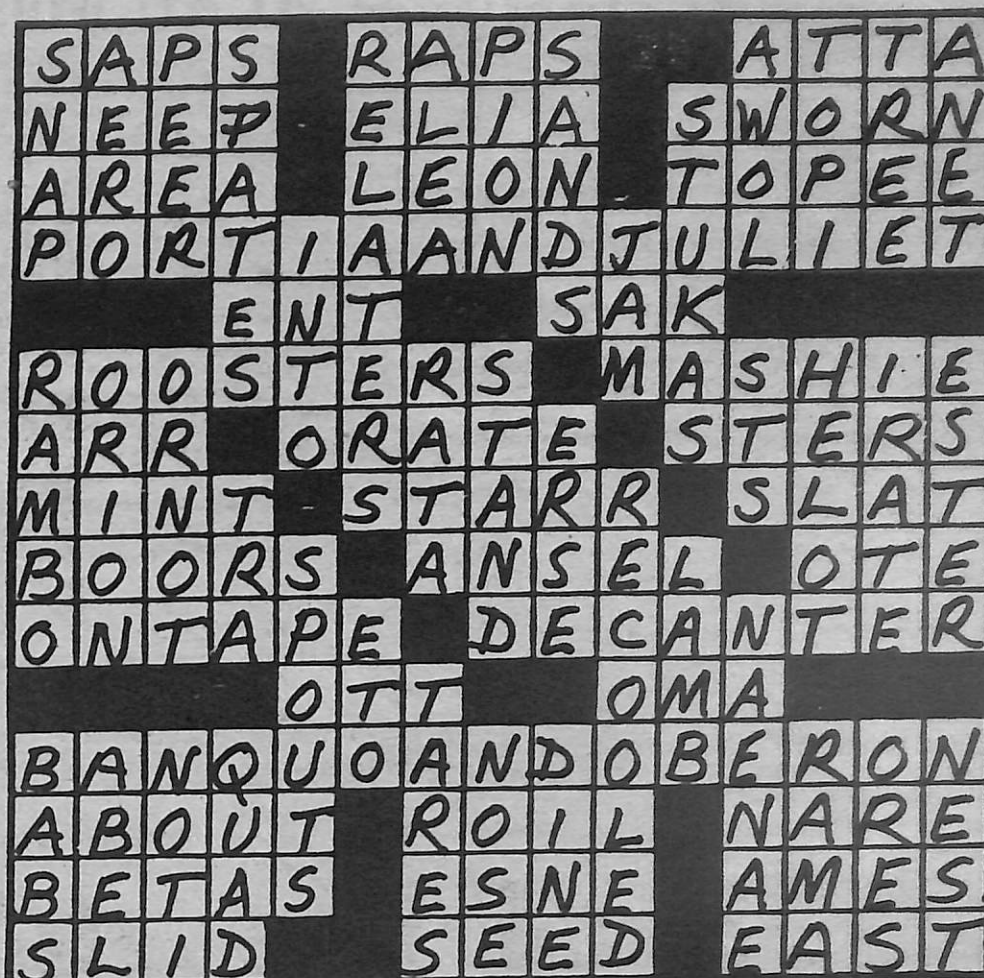
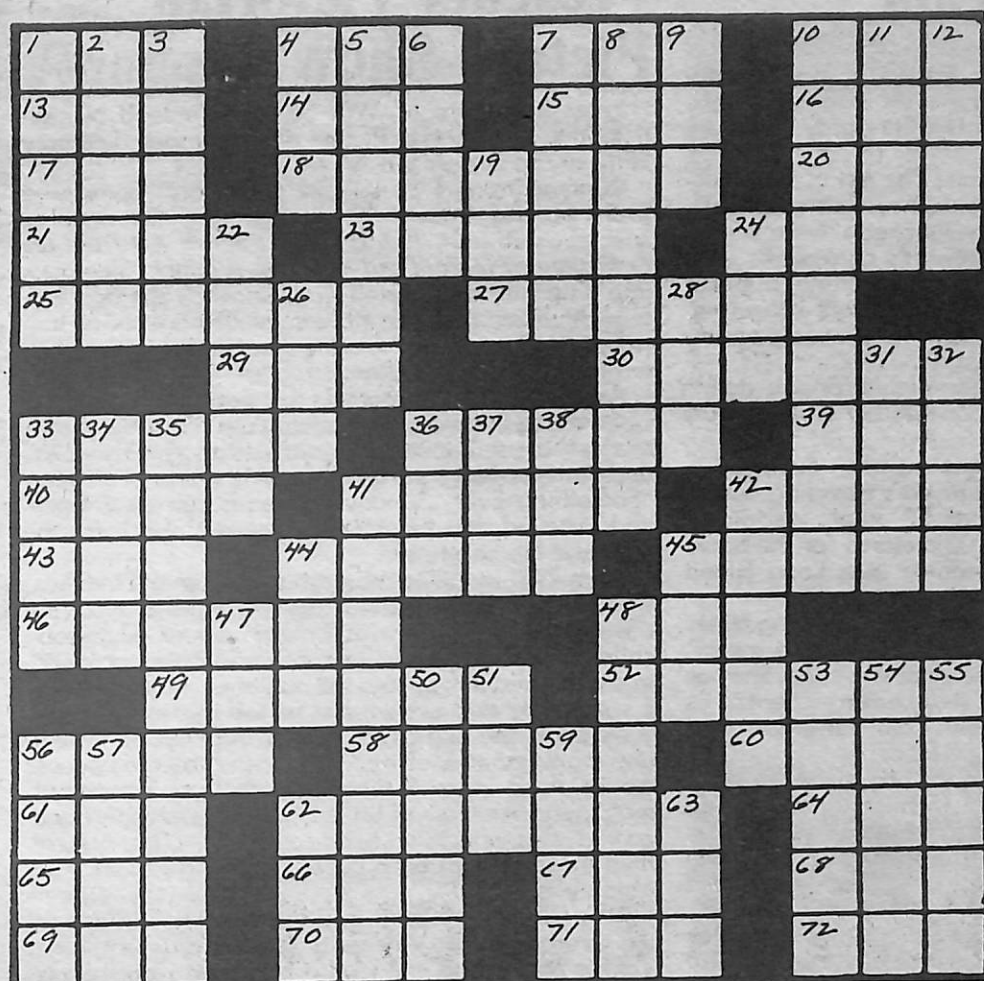
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Slowick, musical director of the East Longmeadow Community Theatre, will give a piano recital in May for the town's Arts Council.

Ms. Gaviglio studied voice with Springfield's Ruth Ekberg and Chloe Owen of New York. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Boston University and is musically active in the Boston area.

Mr. Bedrossian will be accompanied by Mrs. Lotte Milner.

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PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

—*Julia and Julia*: 0 STARS

Set in a present-day Italy, this horrible and most forgettable picture centers on a young American woman (Kathleen Turner) who, six years earlier, lost her husband (Gabriel Byrne) in a fateful automobile accident immediately following their joyous wedding. But, upon returning home from work one evening, she discovers that her late spouse is alive, and that they are the parents of a happy and healthy five year-old boy.

Although this bona fide turkey lasted for only one week at the Showcase Cinemas in West Springfield, I decided to review *Julia and Julia* for two reasons: 1) After enduring its appalling awfulness, I needed to vent my anger via the medium of film criticism; and 2) In case this trash rears its ugly head at another local movie theater, I wanted to be sure that unsuspecting Kathleen Turner fans knew what they were getting into before they ventured to see it.

Reminiscent of *The Twilight Zone*, *Julia and Julia* tells a romantic tale of a lonely heroine whose undying love for her long-gone husband enables her to create a fantasy environment in which she is able to experience the married life that she had hoped to have with him. However, while this premise sounds interesting, the film itself is extremely confusing, excruciatingly boring, and contains some unspeakably shoddy photography.

To put it another way, this is the kind of mess that tempts you to leave your seat—for good, that is—long before it is actually over.

As for the picture's acting, there isn't any to really speak of. Turner (*Peggy Sue Got Married*) does nothing but walk around in a daze throughout the story and wear a painfully bewildered expression on her face, as if she's asking, "How did I end up in a bomb like this in the first place?"

Fortunately, thanks to her standing as one of today's finest young actresses, she can come away from *Julia and Julia* with her reputation still intact. Yet, the same thing cannot be said for one of her co-stars.

In the hapless role of a mysterious man who continually seduces Turner's character during the entire movie, rock singer Sting (*The Bride*) presents us with a woefully bland portrayal that's typical of the onscreen work which he has done in the past. And, when you consider how stagnant his cinematic career has been as of late, his ill-fated appearance in *Julia and Julia* could result in ending his involvement in Hollywood once and for all.

—*Satisfaction*: 2½ STARS

Making her feature film debut, Justine Bateman (TV's *Family Ties*) stars as the lead singer and musician of a teenaged rock-and-roll band that has a chance to make a name for itself when it is hired to perform at a popular beachside bar for an entire summer.

In terms of its overall plotline and themes, *Satisfaction* is a standard teen-oriented picture that is fairly predictable, and it does suffer from having some tacky jokes. But, on the positive side, it is better than you'd expect.

Besides having engaging, well-depicted characters and lively musical numbers, this movie provides lightweight and amusing sand-and-sun entertainment which can help us to take our minds off of the snow and slush that is right outside our doors.

Furthermore, *Satisfaction* possesses some dramatic emotion that serves to complement its generally good-tempered humor. As the story progresses, Bateman's character develops a bittersweet relationship with the man (Liam Neeson) who has hired her band to be the summertime entertainment at his bar.

Once a prominent songwriter and a happily married man, he is now a sad, fortyish widow who has lost the desire to pen new tunes—until, however, Bateman provides him with the inspiration to do so. Not only are their scenes together both humorous and poignant, but they provide the film with sensitivity that is often nowhere to be found in comedic pictures dealing with teenagers.

The acting in *Satisfaction* is consistently impressive, with Neeson (*Suspect*) delivering a truly moving performance as the older man who kindles Bateman's amorous feelings, and Bateman herself giving a most memorable portrayal. As Michael J. Fox's dimwitted sister on *Family Ties*, she has demonstrated that she does indeed have much budding talent as a comic performer.

Now, her role in this movie allows her to convey this skill as well as prove that she also has what it takes to become a notable dramatic actress, and this quality acting is valuable in making *Satisfaction* a film that is a bit more than just satisfactory.

—*Shoot to Kill*: 2½ STARS

A flawed but well-acted crime drama that deals with a veteran FBI agent (Sidney Poitier) who teams up with a reclusive mountain guide (Tom Berenger) to track down a ruthless killer who's believed to be a member of a fishing expedition that is being led by the guide's girlfriend (Kirstie Alley).

Though its script is riddled with holes and cliches, *Shoot to Kill* is an exciting picture with non-stop, edge-on-your-seat action that is partially successful in offsetting its unmistakable shortcomings.

In addition, the portion of the plot wherein the heroes are pursuing their quarry among snow-covered mountains in the Pacific Northwest is exquisitely rendered on the silver screen by way of breathtaking cinematography, and the visual impact of these scenes does a fine job of heightening the dramatic intensity of the story.

The cast members, meanwhile, are very good in their respective roles. Alley (TV's *Cheers*) makes the most of her one-dimensional character, and the movie's villain—whose identity is kept a secret for about half the film—is the type of malicious creep whom you love to hate.

In the part of the mountain guide, Berenger (*Someone to Watch Over Me*) conveys a rugged persona that is both subtle and commanding. This character is apt to initially dislike and distrust city-bred people

such as Poitier's FBI agent until he actually gets to know them, and Berenger provides him with a mixture of outward abrasiveness and deep-down comradery which effectively depicts his lone-wolf demeanor and a genuine sense of geniality.

However, the best performance in *Shoot to Kill* is turned in by Poitier (*Uptown Saturday Night*), whose role in this picture marks a return to acting after a decade-long absence. While this picture is not a first-rate endeavor, Poitier enhances its proceedings with a captivating presence that is a result of his many years as a formidable and talented thespian.

He portrays his latest character with an extremely successful blend of tough-guy determination and an unpretentious sense of humor, thereby rendering his heroic individual as an amiable, flesh-and-blood human being who possesses a laudable personality which enables us to root for him.

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

—*Julia and Julia*: Rated R for nudity, explicit sex scenes, and a bit of bloody violence.

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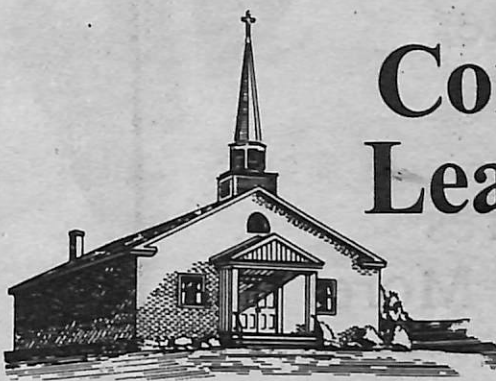
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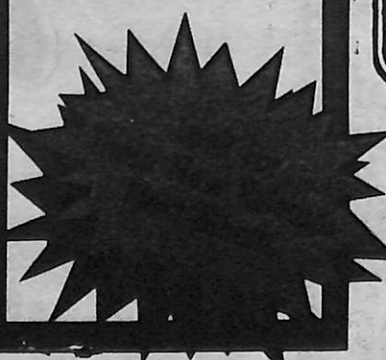
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Australia

Dian and Joe Curran of Feeding Hills spent some time last fall vacationing in Australia. They also had the opportunity to visit with former AFS student Grant Ward and his parents, Marion and Keith Ward. The Currans became acquainted with Grant when he spent a year living with them as an exchange student.

Some of their observations on the country —

People: They found them to be exceptionally friendly and courteous. An example is the gentleman who went out of his way to guide them toward their destination as he felt they might have difficulty finding it on their own.

Food: They found the variety of food to be excellent. Prices comparable to ours.

Language: English, but not the same as ours.

Culture: Very interesting and very different from ours.

Travel: There are several modes of clean, reliable transportation within the country.

Weather: The seasons in Australia are the reverse of ours. The Currans traveled in the fall (spring - "down under") and recommend travelling either in the spring or fall. Summer in Australia is extremely hot and Dian suggests bringing a number 25 sunscreen if traveling at that time of year.

Sightseeing: One of the excursions they took was a four day cruise on the "Elizabeth E" to the Great Barrier Reef resort islands. With only 29 passengers aboard, Dian states it was like going to a cocktail party every day. They were also surprised at the number of Americans aboard. When the tide was out they were able to leave the boat and walk on the reef to see the many different types of fish. Passengers can also snorkle or scuba dive.

Part of the cruise was a ride in a semi-submersible boat to view life underwater. The captain explained that twice a year, coral spawns and they were fortunate to be there at one of those times. Eggs and sperm are released by the coral causing phosphorescent bubbles underwater. In the darkness, with lights off on the boat, Dian describes the experience like the "4th of July - underwater! Their only complaint about the cruise - too much food!

Another excursion they took was a tour of an opal mine field where they went fossicking (rock hounding). No trip to Australia is complete without a trip to the zoo to see the koalas and kangaroos, which they did.

Dian felt fortunate that she was able to sleep on the long flight and had no effects of jet lag - Joe was not so lucky. Sounds to me like they had a great trip!!

Jots from Julie: Shirley and Ray Saracino just returned from a trip to Paradise Island in the Bahamas. I think that's something we all should be able to do at this time of year as I look out the window at the foot of snow that just descended around us (2/12). They both enjoyed the "unusual sights" they saw, and Shirley won't forget her glasses next time she takes a walk on the beach so she won't have to "squint!" Glad you had a good week and that the weather cooperated.

A quote from the farmer's almanac: "A real friend is someone who takes a winter vacation on a sun-drenched beach and doesn't send you a postcard."

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Local Artists To Show In Spfld. Art League

Works by 35 artists, including Debra Santini of Feeding Hills, and Michele LaPalme of Agawam, selected by Regan Melone during the Baystate West Open were invited to participate in the March Springfield Art League's Invitational.

The opening reception, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 6th, and the exhibit are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Sunday, at Western New England College.

Western New England College is located at 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield. The Art Gallery is on the first floor of the D.J. St. Germain Campus Center.

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Ani & Ida Kavafian At Spfld. Symphony

Raymond Harvey will conduct the Springfield Symphony Orchestra with violinists Ani & Ida Kavafian, Saturday, February 20th, at 8:00, in Symphony Hall. Sponsorship for this concert is provided by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The program will include a work by James Forte, a resident of Arlington, Massachusetts. His composition, *Sinfonia for Strings: For Those Who Must Journey Into Eternity*, will be performed for the first time in the Western Massachusetts area.

Also included is the Beethoven *Symphony No. 4 in B-Flat Major, Op. 60*. Characteristically elegant and graceful, the *Fourth* Symphony presents idyllic contrast to Beethoven's *Eroica (Third)* and the *Fifth* Symphony. Highlighting the evening, violinists Ani and Ida Kavafian will be the featured guest artists for J.S. Bach's *Concerto for Two Violins and Strings, in D Minor*.

Born in Istanbul of American parentage, Ani & Ida Kavafian are both world-renowned instrumentalists, widely-acclaimed as being in the first rank of 20th century classical music making. The sisters each have a distinctive and sparkling musical temperament and highly-individual solo style.

Each has developed her own successful career as a soloist—yet in combination, their differences reflect a balance of virtuosity which is at once dramatically unique. Their duo playing projects the pure pleasure that one might only derive from two sisters who thoroughly enjoy and respect each other and each other's artistry.

Ani Kavafian has performed as a soloist with many

of the country's leading orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Pittsburgh Symphony, the St. Louis Symphony, and symphonies of Detroit, San Francisco, Atlanta, Phoenix, Rochester, and Baltimore.

The winner of the coveted Avery Fisher Prize and the esteemed Young Concert Artist's Phillip M. Faucett String Prize, her additional special gift as a chamber music artist has repeatedly thrilled audiences around the world, including those of the Lincoln Center Music Society and prestigious music festivals like Spoleto (Italy and U.S.), Marlboro, Mostly Mozart and Santa Fe. Ani has recorded with Nonesuch, RCA, and Musical Heritage.

Ida Kavafian's awards include the first prize of the International Vianna da Motta Competition and the Young Concert Artist's Michaels Award. Her superb artistry has assured her frequent recitals and major solo appearances with orchestras around the world, including those of Pittsburgh, Detroit, Montreal, St. Louis, Tokyo, and the New York Philharmonic.

Ida is founding member of the world-renowned chamber music group, *Tashi*, with whom she has recorded for RCA and Deutsche Grammophon. She has also appeared frequently as a guest artist with the Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society and many festivals, including Spoleto, Tanglewood and Santa Fe.

Ida's affinity for contemporary music has led to collaborations with pianist/composer Chick Corea, with whom she has toured, and with whom Ani and Ida both have recorded.

Seats Still Available For Arts Museum Trips

The Travel Program of the Springfield Art Museums announces that seats are still available for the February 20th trip to the Hill-stead Museum, Farmington, Connecticut, and for the March 22nd and March 26th trips to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

The historic Hill-stead Museum in Farmington is a preserved country estate furnished in the Edwardian style. Objects on view at the museum include antique pieces, objects d'art from around the world, and a collection of French Impressionist paintings.

After lunch at Shenanigans Restaurant in Hartford, travelers will visit the Hartford Athenaeum, the scene of a retrospective exhibition of works by John Stuart Ingle. Also on view at the Athenaeum will be a display of masterpieces by such artists as Winslow Homer, John Singer Sargent, Benjamin West, and Edward Hopper.

And travelers can celebrate the impending arrival of spring with a Tuesday, March 22nd, or Saturday, March 26th trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston to view an international exhibition of 17th-century Dutch paintings. Curator Steven Kern will be on hand to share his insightful comments with travelers.

Among the 100 masterpieces on display in this major exhibition will be Rembrandt's *The Stone Bridge*, *Nocturnal Landscape with the Rest on the Flight into Egypt*, and *Winter Landscape*, van Goyen's *Dune Landscape* and Avercamp's *Skating Scene*.

Travelers will also visit the Vose Galleries of Boston on Newbury Street.

For more information, call Irene Hayward, travel coordinator, 733-4214 or 736-8956.

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1 cup chopped pecans (can substitute walnuts)

Method:

Cream the butter well. Add to it the brown sugar, eggs, and vanilla. Beat until mixture is smooth and creamy. Add the dry ingredients and mix well.

Stir in the coconut and pecans.

Spread the mixture into a buttered 10X15X1 inch jelly roll pan. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 25 minutes. Cool. Sprinkle the squares with confectioner's sugar and cut into squares. This recipe makes about 3½ dozen 2½X1½ inch squares.

Apple Crisp

Ingredients:

4 cups sliced apples (Granny Smith's are the best to use)
¾ cup flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
½ cup butter

Method:

Butter a shallow baking dish and put in the apples (a cake pan may also be used). Sift flour and add the cinnamon, sugar, and salt to it. Rub in the butter until the mixture is crumbly. Cover the apples with this mixture. Bake uncovered in a 350 degree oven for 45 minutes.

This can be served with whipped cream or ice cream or a hunk of cheese.

Chocolate Cake

Ingredients:

½ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg, beaten
2 squares melted chocolate
1½ cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup boiling water
1 teaspoon vanilla

Method:

Cream the shortening and sugar well. Add the egg and chocolate to the mixture. Add the flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt to the sugar and butter mixture and mix well. Add the vanilla to the boiling water and mix lightly to the flour mixture. Do not beat in the boiling water and vanilla. Put the mixture into greased and floured cake pans and put into 325 degree oven while it is still warm. Let bake for about 20 minutes or until it tests done.

NOTE: This cake batter will be very thin. It is supposed to be that way. The cake will be rich, and fudgy.

Frost with your favorite frosting, or spread seedless raspberry preserves between the layers and dust the top with confectioner's sugar after cake has cooled.

Candied Fruit Cream Pie

Ingredients:

14 graham crackers
5 tablespoons butter, melted

4 egg yolks, beaten
2 cups scalded milk
1½ tablespoons corn starch
½ cup sugar
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
4 tablespoons cold water
4 egg whites, beaten
½ cup sugar
candied fruit—to taste (about ¾ cup is good)

Method:

The graham crackers and butter will make the crust for this pie. Roll the graham crackers until they are crushed finely. Mix them with the melted butter. Pat the crust mixture into a 9-inch pie plate, and bake at 300 degrees for 10 minutes. The crust will be lightly browned.

For the filling, slowly add the milk to the eggs. (Before doing this, you can also introduce a small quantity of the scalded milk to the eggs and prepare them for the right temperature. Then add the eggs with a little milk into the scalded milk. In this way the eggs will not scramble.)

Combine the sugar and cornstarch and stir into the egg mixture. Cook over simmering water (in a double boiler) for about 20 minutes until a light custard coats the spoon. Remove from the heat.

Soak the gelatin in cold water for about 5 minutes. Add the gelatin to the custard sauce while it is still hot. Let this mixture cool.

Beat the egg whites until they are very stiff. Gradually beat in the sugar. Fold the egg whites and sugar into the custard. Fill the pie crust and set the pie into the refrigerator. Sprinkle with candied fruits. (Some of the candied fruits may also be folded into the pie). Let set in the refrigerator at least four hours before cutting.



AGAWAM RESIDENTS JOHN STACY AND MARC FULLER (back row) will appear in the BayPath Junior College theatre production of *42nd Street*. College students in photo are Michelle Franklin and Sophie Breton.

Agawam Residents To Appear In Bay Path Production

John Stacy of Feeding Hills and Marc Fuller of Agawam will appear with Bay Path students Michelle Franklin and Sophie Breton in the Bay Path Junior College Theatre Arts Department production of *"42nd Street."*

The musical, under the direction of Paul C. Norton, will be presented in Mills Theatre in Carr Hall on the campus, with reserved seats on February 26th and 27th, and March 3rd, 4th, and 5th, at 8:00 p.m., and at a 2:00 p.m. matinee, February 27th.

Rush seats are available at 8:00 p.m., February 24th and 25th, March 2nd.

The box office opens Wednesday, February 17th, and tickets may be obtained weekdays, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Arts Council Makes Grants Donations

The Agawam Arts and Humanities is pleased to announce the recipients of grant money from the Massachusetts Art Lottery Council for the period ending December 1987. They are as follows:

Artist Deborah Santini, for an alphabet book. This hand-bound book will be written and illustrated with 14 taglio prints, with special editions of the prints made.

Agawam Middle School Library for a two or more day workshop, with an author. The workshop will be comprised of critiques of the student-prepared stories, learning how the author plies his or her craft, and finding out the writing skills necessary for writing a story.

Musician Melissa L. Martin for money for supplies to further her future as a bassoonist.

Grant Applications:

Completed applications are to be filled out according to the following guidelines:

- Project must support the betterment of arts and humanities.
- Project must be accessible to the general public.
- Individuals and organizations are eligible to apply.
- Funds may encourage new activities or supplement existing programs.
- Applications will be received by council on the basis of project quality, financial need, general community involvement and benefit.

The deadline for this grant period is April 1st, 1988. Applications may be obtained in the Agawam Public Library and the Town Hall. Completed applications may be returned to the Town Hall.

For further information, contact Agawam Arts and Humanities Council, member Beverly Secondo, 786-0138.

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Granger Schools Makes Staff Feel Special

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Valentine's Day is a special occasion that enables us to extend the December holiday spirit of sharing and giving to our loved ones. The Granger Elementary School Adelphi team decided this was an opportunity to let students partake in various projects to show they notice and care about the school employees.

Adelphi co-chairwomen Janice Stambovsky and Dale White created gift ideas for each grade level, and then worked with the children in their classrooms to make the personalized presents.

On Thursday, February 11th, student representatives from each grade met with school employees, Principal James Loomis, and first lunch students in the cafeteria. First grade teacher Phyllis Lewis asked all the children if they could, "tell Joanne Barnes (school secretary), Bob Smith (custodian), Joan Malachowski (nurse), and all the cafeteria ladies who work so hard for each of us during the school day how much we appreciate what they do for us and how much we care about them."

The children responded with "We love you" and "Thank you very much."

It was evident that the spirit of Adelphi was alive and there was pride at Granger. These children were self-confident with the knowledge of creating happiness for others they cared about.

Kindergartner **Sheri Benton** then presented each of the cafeteria's staff with a vase of flowers. Mrs. Stambovsky had previously purchased and arranged real carnations and baby's breath in handmade vases. The vases were individually made by kindergarten children.

Next, first-grader **Kimberly Pietroniro** presented each staff member with cut-out "Valentine People" to decorate their work area for the holiday (from that grade level).

Student **Scott Murray** gave the employees red and white woven placemats made by the second grade.

Cards, individually decorated and handwritten with messages of love, were given out by third graders **Heidi Reiprich** and **Lindsay White**.

The fourth grade class of Mrs. Rauseo, in Room 3, used poetical verses to describe their appreciation. **Mark Anderson** presented these works of art to the nurse and secretary. To describe what was expressed through the children's words would rob the innocence of youth; therefore, we would like to share a few of the fourth graders' notes with you.

To Mrs. Barnes:

I think you are the best because
you do so much stuff.

You practically run the school.

And you type like a
train going as fast as it can go.

I think you can
find a file like a snap of a hand.

Your friend,
Mark Anderson

To Mrs. Barnes:

Mrs. Barnes is so nice,
It's like she's filled with sugar and spice.

She is so, so cool

When the nurse is at a different school.

Christine Mazaka

To Mrs. Malachowski:

The nurse is important because,

She checks for lice, and is real nice!

She tests our ear, because we must hear.

If you start to moan

And your fever's so high that it's unknown,
Well, then, she'll send you home.

Juliette Harris

SEE VALENTINE'S DAY - Page 29...



GRANGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS, back, from left -Bob Smith (custodian), Joanne Barnes (school secretary), and Joan Malachowski (nurse) received Valentine's from members of the student body. Students in photo are Lindsay White, Heidi Reiprich, and Mark Anderson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SCHOOL CAFETERIA WORKERS (back row) Ellie Strong, Helen Carey, Jeanne Healey, and Rose Bissette received Valentine's from school students Sheri Benton, Kimberly Pietroniro, and Scott Murray. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Guidance Offers Prep Course For SAT's

The Agawam High School Guidance Department, in conjunction with the *Princeton Review*, will offer a two-part program for juniors about the SAT's (Scholastic Aptitude Test) in preparation for the May SAT's.

The program will involve the following:

1. The SAT examination will be administered Saturday, February 27th, in the cafeteria at the Agawam High School, under the supervision of the high school guidance staff. The test will begin at 8:00 a.m., and will last until 11:30 a.m.

2. A follow up program presented by the *Princeton Review* staff will be held on Tuesday, March 1st, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam High School cafeteria. Parents, along with students, should be present at this two-and-a-half-hour session.

Students will receive their scores and a diagnostic evaluation pointing out their strengths and weakness on the test. The *Princeton Review* staff will also make suggestions and discuss the exam with parents and students so that they will have a better understanding of the examination.

The cost for the program is \$35. The Guidance Department will enroll interested juniors during the week of February 22nd to February 26th. We will also accept students the day of the exam. Checks should be made payable to the *Princeton Review*. NO CASH will be accepted as payment.

The Agawam Evening School hopes to offer a 6-7 week program regarding preparation for the verbal and math parts of the SAT's. This is contingent on the availability of instructors and the number of students who sign up for the course. Details will become available March 1st.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Paul C. Cavallo at the Agawam High School during the registration period, 789-1400, ext. 416.

RPI Names Locals To Dean's List

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) has announced the names of students from the local area who have made the Dean's List for the fall 1987 semester:

Paul Allen Cavallo of 31 Pineview Circle, Agawam, a junior majoring in computer and systems engineering.

Julie Kathryn Ferioli of 1072 Northwest Street, Feeding Hills, a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering.

David John Szabla of 68 High Street, Southampton, a freshman majoring in general or undecided engineering.

Peter Heinz Scheidle of 25 Plantation Drive, Agawam, a freshman majoring in general or undecided engineering.

To qualify for the Dean's List, candidates must be full-time students, earn at least a 3.0 quality point average out of a possible 4.0, and have no grade below C.

RPI was founded in 1824 as the first institution in America to grant degrees in engineering. Well-known for its rigorous academic programs, it is a technological university with a worldwide reputation in engineering and science, coupled with considerable depth in architecture, management, humanities, and the social sciences.

A coeducational, independent, nonsectarian university, RPI has approximately 4,700 undergraduate and 1,800 graduate students.

Granger P.T.O. To Sponsor Dance

The Granger Elementary School P.T.O. will sponsor a dance, Saturday, March 12th, from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., with benefits awarded in scholarships to this year's Agawam High School seniors.

This will be the third Annual Scholarship Dance of the Granger P.T.O., and the public is always invited. Parents of high school students have an opportunity to increase scholarships by joining the fun at the Polish American Club.

"Hill of a Sound" will provide the music and there will be trivia prizes, raffles, and refreshments served. Tickets will be on sale this month through Granger P.T.O. members and at the door for \$6 per person. Table reservations can be made by contacting Sandy Dubay, 786-8055, in advance.

VALENTINE'S DAY - From Page 28...

To Mrs. Malachowski:

I'd like to say to a special person thank you for all these years for whenever I got hurt. You were always there to help me. Now when I get into Middle School I will miss you. And also when I got those puny cuts, that was foolish of me.

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AHS Again Sends Team To AIC's Annual "Model Congress"

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Agawam High School's Model Congress team was again invited last month to American International College to engage in the legislative process, first-hand, during the AIC 48th Model Congress. More than 150 high school students from 35 schools represented in New England, New York, and Pennsylvania participated this year.

Established in 1941, the AIC Model Congress is the oldest event of its kind. AIC Professor Robert Markel has been its advisor for the past 14 years; and he is also a member of the Springfield City Council. Wendy Marks served as chairman of the event this year. She is a junior and International Business major from Poultney, Vermont.

The high school students took on the roles of senators and representatives. Each delegation had previously drafted bills and submitted the legislation to Model Congress that encompassed a wide range of contemporary issues, both foreign and domestic, addressing many of the social and political problems facing legislators. Throughout the years, delegates to this Congress have submitted bills that reflect the mood of the country and closely resemble bills before the U.S. Congress.

Agawam delegates **Rob Regish** (spokesman) and **Dan Czepiel** introduced a joint resolution from Agawam to the Foreign Affairs Committee that they were a part of. The proposed bill read, "It is the purpose of this legislation to ensure that regardless of treaty agreements, a minimum of 321 intermediate nuclear missiles of any type - cruise, ballistic, etc., are kept in Europe for the rest of the century."

The bill further defined terminologies and stated command, enforcement, and that it was closed to negotiation until the year 2000.

Regish, who is also the Agawam Model Congress Chairman, was prepared to argue in support of their bill. He said, "There wasn't one speaker against our bill." Yet, Regish was disappointed after putting in three years of research on this legislation because, "The bill was defeated by a couple of votes. We needed a reconsideration." He explained that this meant he had to get someone who voted against the bill to make a motion to reconsider.



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL "Model Congress" with faculty advisor John Feranti. Members include Rob Regish, Dan Czepiel, John Welch, Owen Broadhurst, Pat Nolan, Jamie Milici, James Dion, Tricia Rae, and John Regish.

From there, a discharge petition (which requires 41 signatures) was needed to bring the bill up again. The petition was unsuccessful; and, the bill died on the floor of Model Congress.

Debate on the submitted legislation was held in five various committee meetings. Students **John Welch** and **Owen Broadhurst** were also delegates from Agawam, but they were on the Government Operations Committee. Five other Agawam students attended the Congress as observers—**Pat Nolan, Jamie Milici, James Dion, Tricia Rae, and John Regish**. Nolan said, "As observers we could attend any of the five committee debates we wanted; but we were not allowed to speak or participate, only absorb input and procedure."

Legislation passed in the committee meetings held

Friday was debated the following day in the House and Senate sessions. All four Agawam delegates participated in the House on Saturday. AIC faculty judges observed the delegates throughout the Congress to score and assess the oratorical and parliamentary skills of each delegate. Four AIC scholarships were awarded to outstanding delegates at the Annual Awards Banquet held that Saturday. Last year, Thomas Denardo of AHS was awarded a one-year scholarship at AIC at this banquet.

AHS Model Congress Advisor John Ferranti said, "I felt all four Agawam delegates this year were excellent. Rob was the best prepared delegate I've had in years. I think that is why there was no opposition to his proposed legislation; other students felt that they were out-classed."

Family Day At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, announces "Family Day," Sunday, February 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission to the sanctuary is half the regular price and two afternoon programs are offered, both included in the price of admission.

"Stories At The Storyteller's House," at 1:00 p.m. offers an hour of Thornton Burgess stories told in the cozy atmosphere of the author's former home.

At 2:30 p.m., "Eagles, Plovers and Terns: Hanging On In Massachusetts" looks at local rare and endangered species, and the efforts to protect them in Massachusetts.

As always, visitors can enjoy a quiet walk along our trails, browse in the Audubon Shop, or observe native New England wildlife in outdoor enclosures.

Currently on exhibit in the Audubon Gallery is "Bird's Eye View Of Massachusetts," which tells the story of the birds of Massachusetts and the places they inhabit. Featured are reproductions of paintings by Louis Agassiz Fierstein.

Sanctuary admission for "Family Day" is \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents for senior citizens and children under 16. Massachusetts Audubon members and children under 3 are admitted free.

For more information, call Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

Bambi Nursery School Raises \$804 For Easter Seals

Bambi Nursery School of Agawam recently held an Easter Seals Hop-a-thon, Wednesday, January 18th.

Children hopped for one minute on both feet and gathered pledges per hop from family and friends. The children and parents of Bambi Nursery School raised \$804.

Adam Saymanski gathered the most pledges and raised \$146.

The Easter Deals Hop-n-ing was part of a Disability Awareness month at Bambi. All money raised will benefit Easter Seal programs for children and adults who have disabilities. The money goes towards equipment loan, home health care, therapy services, and adaptive swimming and camping.

In March there will be an "Awards Day" at Bambi for those children who participated in this year's Hop-n-ing.

High School Open Gym Expanded For March

The open gym sessions at the Agawam High School will have a time change for the month of March. The gym will be open every Monday and Thursday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. There is a charge of \$2.00 per person per session, payable to the supervisor at the door. The program will end on Thursday, March 31st, 1988.

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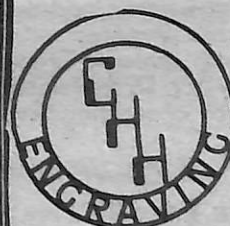
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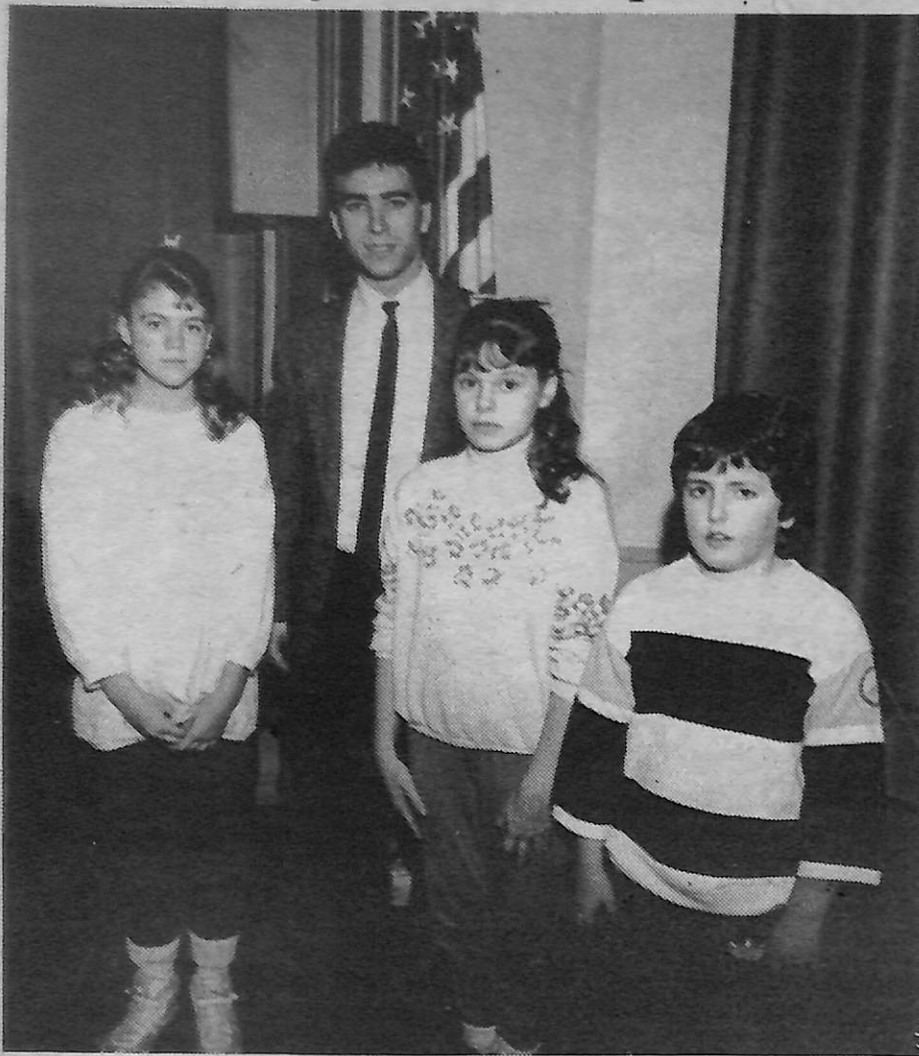
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Best Hometown News...

Drug Essay Contest Sponsored By Agawam Rotary At Middle School



THE AGAWAM ROTARY CLUB sponsored an essay contest at the Agawam Middle School as part of the ongoing drug prevention process in the Agawam Schools. Each student was asked to write "How I Would (Or Did) Say No To A Drink Or A Drug." Above, Springfield Indians hockey goalie Marty Wakelyn is pictured with essay winners Jennifer Schuster, Lisa Ferioli, and Paul Shannon. Wakelyn appeared before the students at an assembly to warn and discourage them about abusing drugs and alcohol. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM ROTARIAN GEOFF MCDONALD presented U.S. Savings Bonds to essay contest winners Jennifer Schuster, Lisa Ferioli, and Paul Shannon at a special assembly last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



OFFICIALS at last week's anti-drug assembly at the Agawam Middle School include Assistant Principal William Sapelli, Agawam Rotarian Geoff McDonald, Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno, and Springfield Indians goalie Marty Wakelyn. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Jeffrey Wands On Bryant College Dean's List

The fall semester Dean's List at Bryant College includes Jeffrey Wands, a junior finance major, of 136 Cambridge Street, Feeding Hills.

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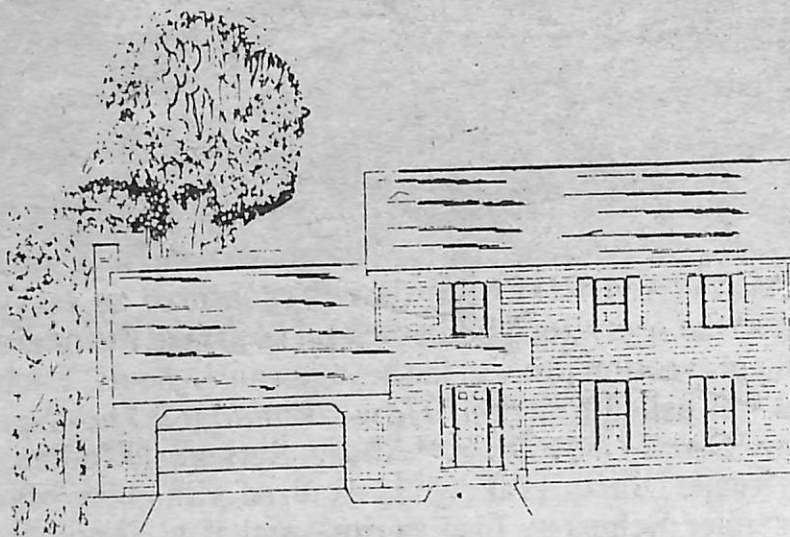
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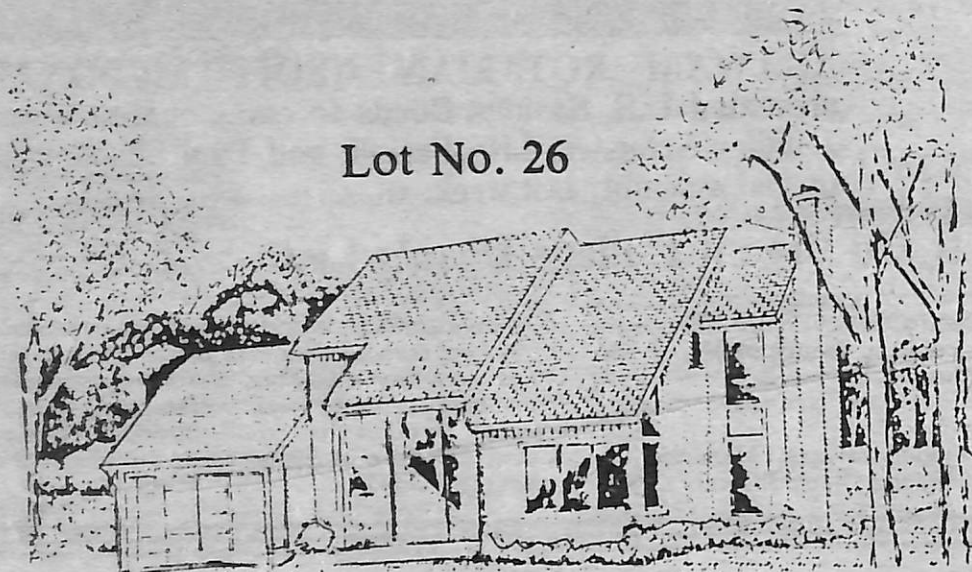
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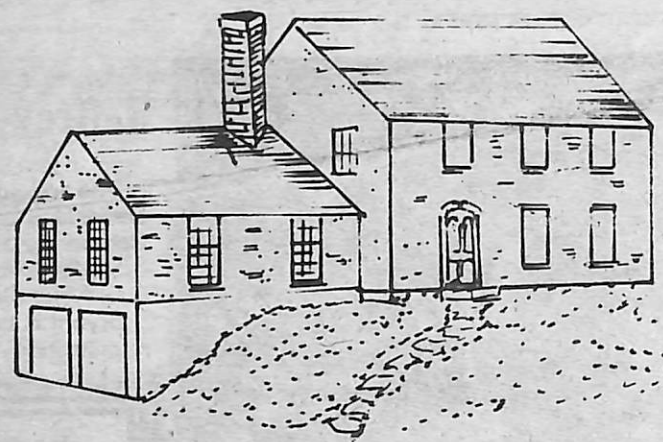
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Suffield Basket-Maker Teaches Ancient Art To Robinson Students

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Last week the School Improvement Council funds at Robinson Park Elementary School enabled students the opportunity to have a visiting artist at their school. Art teacher Marjorie Sherman arranged to have Mary Jo Rushlow display the art of basketry to the children, Wednesday, February 10th, under the "Artists In Action" program.

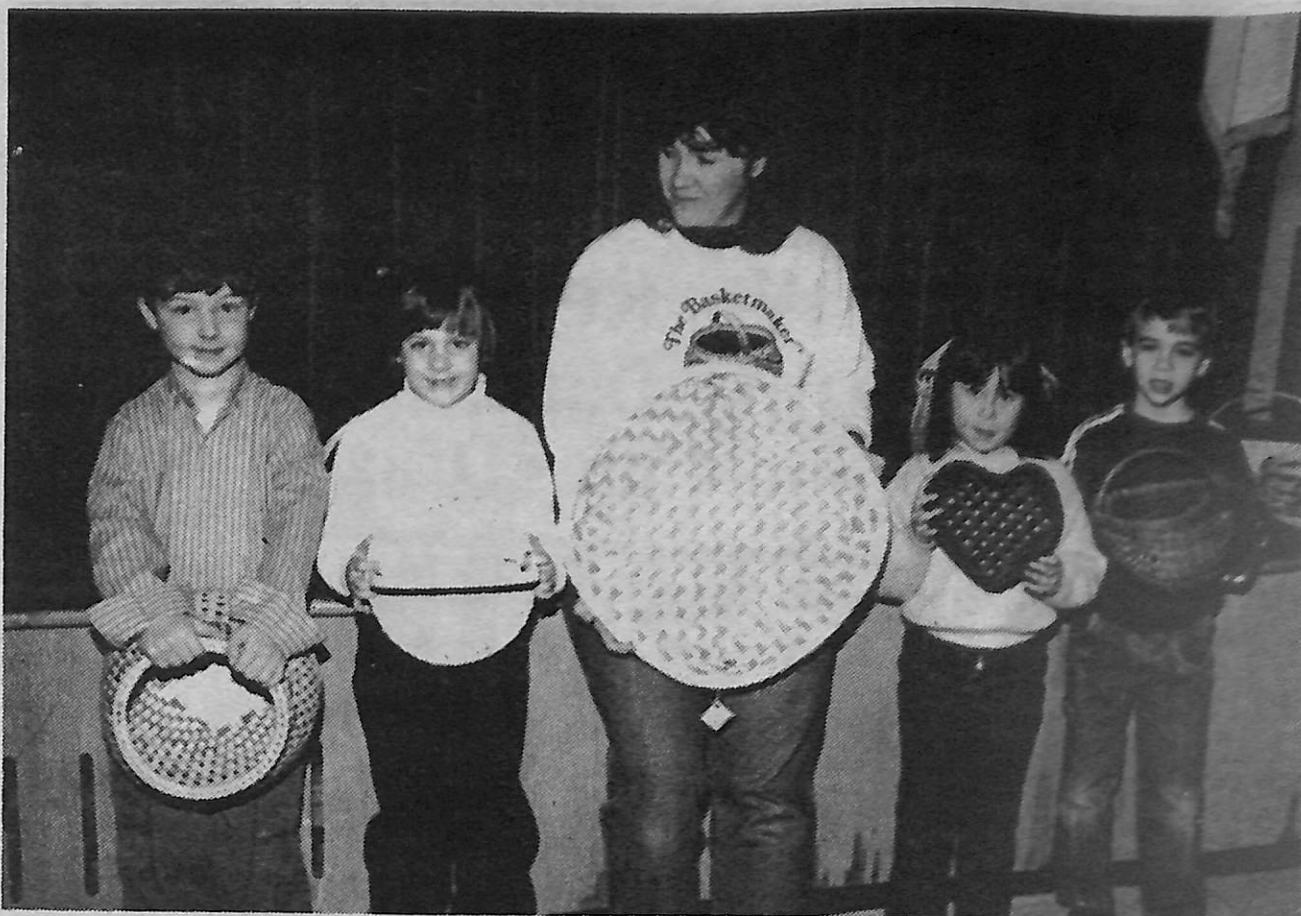
Mrs. Rushlow operates a country gift shop on Thompsonville Road, Suffield, called "The Saltbox Crafters." She told the children, "I decided to learn to make baskets because this is something people do not know too much about these days. In the olden days, they didn't have other things for the children to carry lunches to school, and baskets were also used to carry groceries. Plastic had not been invented, metal was not easily available, and brown paper bags were not around."

Most people today see many varieties of baskets in shapes, size, and design. People usually assume the versatility is only for decorative appeal, but Mrs. Rushlow explained their origination was with a specific purpose.

"The onion basket needs to be aerated for the onions to stay fresh, so these baskets have a very open weave and usually have a thin reed. The reed is the material used to make the basket. It must be soaked to make it pliable to work with because it is normally very dry. The weaving forms the pattern of the reed by placing one over and then one under," she said.

Next she showed the children a feather basket. "People would make their pillows with feathers. In order to carry a material so light, this basket had to have a cover and a very tight closed weave." She also explained the colorful reed used in some of the basketry was purely for creativity and that the reed had to be dyed.

According to her, the most unusually shaped basket was the egg basket. The center of the basket was lifted to form two downward loops on either side. She explained, "The separated sides kept the eggs from being jostled together and broken while in transit."



SUFFIELD BASKET-MAKER MARY JO RUSHLOW and Robinson Park Elementary School students **Chad DiClementi, Julie Tetreault, Crystal Rivers, and Timothy Faust** show-off their creations on February 10th. Mrs. Rushlow, a resident of Suffield, is the owner and operator of "The Saltbox Crafters" in Suffield. She also teaches basketry at the shop, as well as at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum in Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mrs. Rushlow had used the egg basket design to create an extremely large decorative basket that she displayed. She told the children that her daughter and a friend had found an innovative use for this particular container, "I found the two girls sitting in this basket, rocking it to and fro, and pretending it was a boat one day. Obviously reed is a very strong material!"

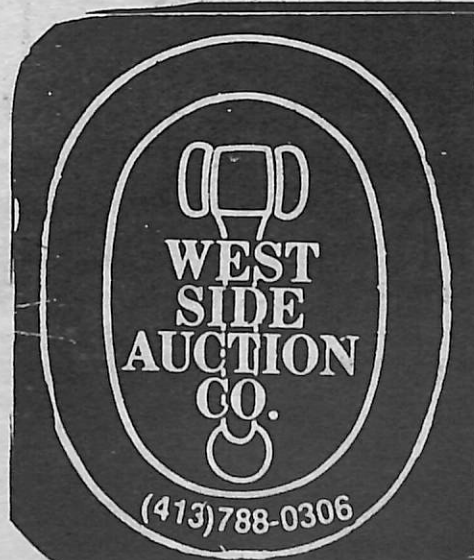
The last basket she described for the children was a

pie basket that had the corners of the bottom touch the table when it was put down. "The bottom's center is up off the table for air to circulate under the pie. This is one of my favorite baskets and I use it frequently," she said.

Mrs. Rushlow's baskets are sold at "The Saltbox Crafters," along with many other handmade gifts. She also teaches basketry at the shop, as well as at the Connecticut Historical Museum in Springfield.



BASKET-MAKER MARY JO RUSHLOW explains her craft to Robinson Park students in a special visiting artist program on February 10th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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AGAWAM HIGH STAFF MEMBERS Jacqueline Pressey, Patricia Canham, and Mirim Mackler, with parents Nancy Modzelewski and Louis Cichetti (standing) are planning several tentative events for the newly-formed Agawam High School Parent-Teacher Group. The next meeting is slated for Tuesday, February 23rd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High "PTO" Continues To Organize

An organizational meeting of an Agawam High School Parent-Teacher group was held Tuesday, February 9th, at the high school. A large number of parents, teachers, and staff attended.

Among the items discussed were the choice of a name for the group, such as the Academic Booster Club or the A.B.C.'s; however, a name was not decided at this time.

Suggested projects were an Agawam High School Newsletter, put out by the group, including hints for

parents and the news at the high school; an academic schoolwide fair; the development of a questionnaire for students requesting their interests and concerns; an Agawam Alumni Revue; integrating handicapped into the school community; unifying school spirit; addressing social issues, such as drugs and drinking; and gaining respect for parents and teachers.

On Tuesday, February 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school, the next meeting of the group will be held. All parents and teachers are welcome to attend.

UMASS Names Locals To Fall Dean's List

Dean of Students William F. Field has announced the names of local students who qualified for the Dean's List for the 1987 fall semester at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade point average or better, on a 4.0 point scale.

"Because fewer than 15 percent meet this high standard, making the Dean's List marks significant accomplishment," said University Chancellor Joseph Duffey. "This academic honor is a source of pride to the entire University community."

The following Agawam-Feeding Hills students were named to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Dean's List for the 1987 fall semester:

AGAWAM:

Tracy A. Armstrong, 95 Peros Drive; John P. Connor, 158 Beekman Drive; Kimberly A. Corriveau, 89 Pineview Circle; Michael J. Little, 103 Cooper Street; Deidre J. Murphy, 38 School Street; Joanne L. Pallotta, 15 Keating Lane; Andrea L. Iebaldi, 15 Corey Colonial.

FEEDING HILLS:

Paul D. Enderle, 105 Bradford Drive; Denise M. Fisher, 116 Liberty Street; James D. Hanson, 11 Hendom Drive; Holly L. Lewis, 77 James Street; Kelly A. McNamee, 100 Sylvan Lane; Jill A. Phillips, 144 North Westfield Street; Jacques M. Raby, 140 Robin Ridge Drive.

Jeanne Hoffman Guest Speaker Of Phelps School PTO

Phelps School P.T.O. will hold its next general meeting on Wednesday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m.

The speaker will be Jeannie Hoffman, Children's Librarian at the Agawam Public Library.

The Phelps P.T.O. executive board has approved funding for a library for Phelps students. The new library is projected to open in April.

All parents are encouraged to attend the meeting and show their support for this project.

Following the speaker there will be time for questions and dessert. Watch for a flyer to come home with your children.

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James Clark School Completes 7-Day Program On CAPP

The James Clark School has just completed seven days of intensive work on the CAPP program—Child Assault Prevention Project—which was developed by the Council for Children in Westfield.

Each day, two teams of volunteers from Westfield and Agawam visited the classrooms and through role-playing and conversation, acquainted the children with strategies to keep them safe, strong, and free.

The program proceeded quite well each day with a vast majority of the students, teachers, and parents presenting favorable comments about it. The school was fortunate to have had the opportunity to experience this program.

Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, February 22nd: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, buttered peas and carrots, white cake with cherry topping, milk.

Tuesday, February 23rd: Hamburg in buttered roll, cheese fingers, steamed rice, buttered corn, pineapple tidbits in syrup, milk.

Wednesday, February 24th: Baked hamburger and spiral macaroni in tomato sauce, garlic bread, buttered green beans, spiced applesauce or jello with topping, milk.

Thursday, February 25th: Hamburg and brown gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered sweet peas, dinner roll and butter, peanut butter cookies, milk.

Friday, February 26th: Turkey and rice soup, ½ turkey sandwich, ½ peanut butter sandwich, oven french fries, chilled mixed fruit cup, milk.

Elfin Puppet Theatre At Agawam Public Library

On Friday, February 19th at 2:30 p.m., the Elfin Puppet Theatre will present "Toad Plants A Garden" at the Agawam Public Library Community Room. Children aged 3 and up may be registered for the show by calling the library at 789-1550.

The program is free, and sponsored by a grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.



JAMES CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL completed a seven-day program on the CAPP Program - Child Assault Prevention Project. CAPP representative Tim Molaghan accepts a donation from Clark PTO members Joan Bitgood and Gail Lungarini, while school Principal Smith Rovelli (left) and staff member Shirley Lertora look on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Families Still Needed To House Band Students

As plans are in final stages for the arrival of the highly-talented members of the All-State Concert Band, Chorus, Jazz Band, and Orchestra, there is still a need for places for these students to stay in the Springfield area for the two days of rehearsals (Thursday and Friday), and the final concert at Symphony Hall, Saturday afternoon, March 26th.

Details of host responsibilities can be obtained by calling Darcy Davis or Scott Thomson at the Agawam High School. Housing committee members are quite nervous at this time with early requests for housing not meeting expectations, and all of the neighboring towns are being asked to take at least a busload of students for this event, which is the highlight of the Massachusetts Music Educators Annual Conference.

Music teachers from all over the state will be attending workshops during the three days, while student members of the All-State Honor Groups rehearse at Central High School.

The All-State Conference is usually held in the eastern part of the state, and has not been held in Springfield for a good many years. The event is a most inspiring one for the students involved (and members of the public), who may have a chance to hear one of these programs. The students have to go through an extensive audition process to be selected to the various honor groups.

If any members of the community can possibly host a student, they are asked to contact Davis or Thomson as soon as possible.

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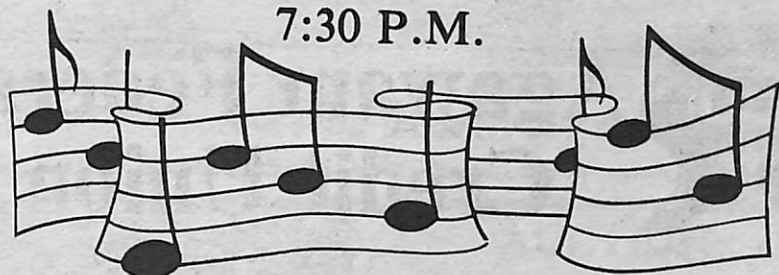
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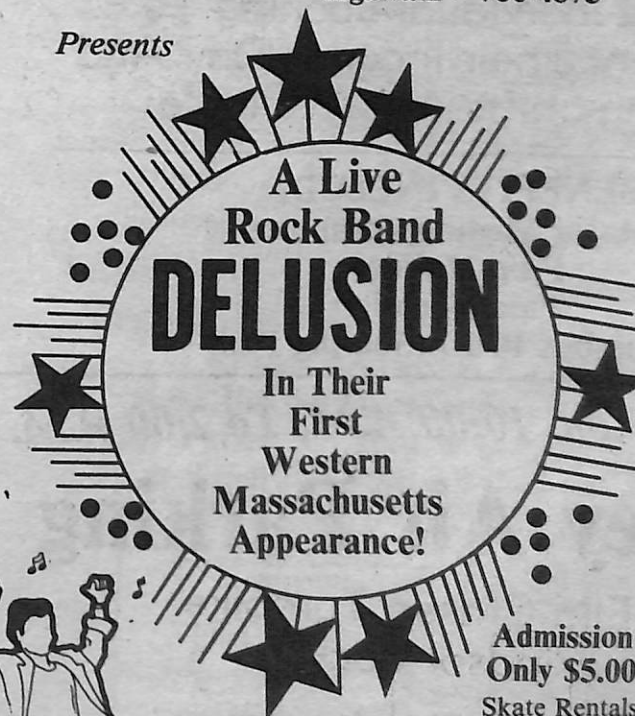
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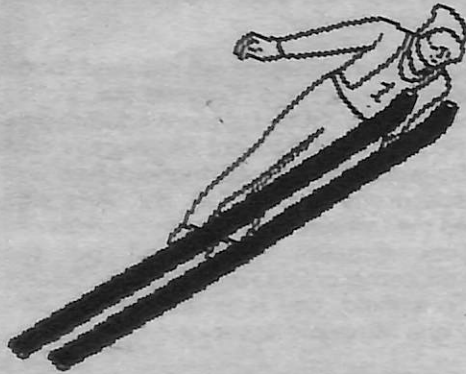
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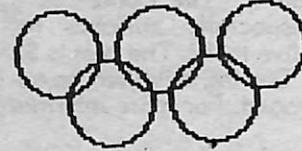


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Hi everyone. How has your winter vacation been? We had enough snow last week to last until spring vacation. Have you been watching the Winter Olympics? Amazing! Well, you still have some time left before you hit the books again. Enjoy yourself. See you next week.

OLYMPICS 1988



The 1988 Winter Olympic games have started. They are being held in Calgary, Canada. The flame symbolizes the continuity between the ancient and the modern games. It is lit by the sun's rays in Olympia, Greece. It is then carried to the site of the Games by relays of runners. Ships and planes are used when necessary. The five rings symbolize the five continents of Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia And America. Each ring is a different color: blue, yellow, black, green and red. The Winter Games consist of the following events:



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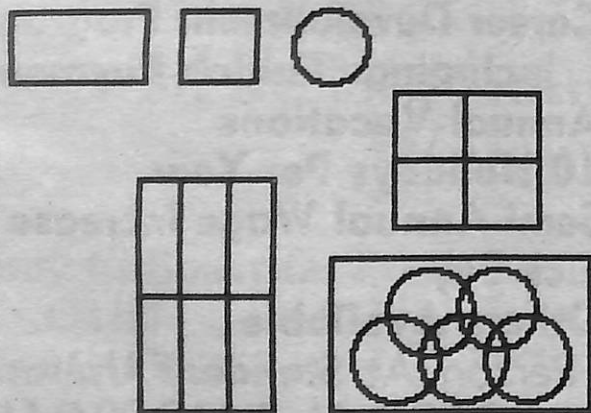
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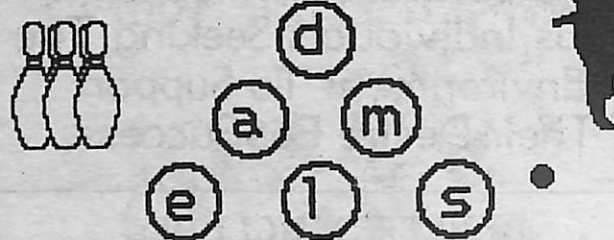
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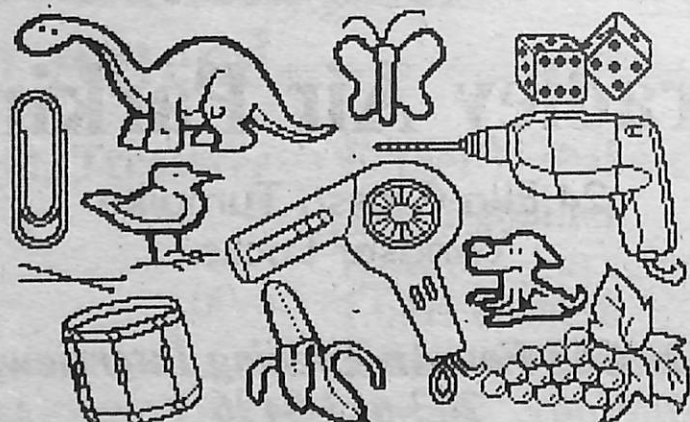
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Dr. Seuss Story Slated For Feb. 20th At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary, Hampden, will offer a performance of the well-loved Dr. Seuss story "The Lorax," Saturday, February 20th at 2:00 p.m.

"The Lorax," is a delightful children's story that combines Dr. Seuss' sense of the ridiculous and clever play on words with a serious ecological theme. The story recounts how a fantastic paradise slowly becomes a wasteland because of the careless abuse of natural resources. "The Lorax" is both entertaining and informative—giving children the sense that they too can help keep our world a beautiful and healthy place.

"The Lorax" will be performed by the Enchanted Circle Children's theater. Based in Northampton, the Enchanted Circle Theatre has performed throughout New York and New England since 1976. Their unique style incorporates both dance and drama, music and storytelling for a performance sure to delight all audiences.

"The Lorax" is the highlight of a week of February Vacation programs for children. "The Lorax" is a family-oriented program, especially suitable for children between the ages of five to 12. The cost is \$2 for children, and \$3 for adults. Seating is limited, so advanced registration is encouraged. For more information, call 566-8034.

Martha Stewart, Caterer To Lecture At Arts Museum

Martha Stewart, well-known caterer and cookbook author, will give a lecture at the Museum of Fine Arts on Wednesday, February 24th at 11 a.m. Stewart's talk will be followed by a light luncheon, catered in the unsurpassed Stewart style. The menu for lunch will be chosen from recipes that appear in Stewart's books.

Stewart is the author of *Entertaining*, *Quick Cook*, *Hors D'Oeuvres*, *Pies and Tarts*, and *Weddings*.

Reservations are necessary for the talk and luncheon; please call the Museum of Fine Arts for reservations at (413) 732-6092.

Historic Museum Has Several Vacation Activities For Kids

Do you ever wonder what children did for fun before video games and skateboards? Join us at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum for "Yesterday's Children" and find out through afternoon activities for today's school-aged children eight to 11 years-old during February vacation week.

On Tuesday, February 16th, and Wednesday, February 17th, the museum education staff will conduct the "History is My Story Program," from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Young people will chart their own family trees using the same methods historians employ doing genealogical research. With the feeling of being part of history, the children will find out about other families who lived in Springfield and the Connecticut Valley long ago. They will also have the unusual opportunity to discover what their portrait would have looked like if they were children 100 years ago. "Yesterday's Children" will feature gallery activities Thursday, February 18th, and Friday, February 19th, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., and 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., on both days. The Thursday and Friday programs will highlight what it was like growing up 100 years ago.

"Yesterday's Children" February Vacation Week programs are offered free of charge. There is a maximum of 15 young participants in each session; please sign-up early to reserve a place by calling the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, 732-3080.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

Mary Jo Rushlow To Teach "Making A Hearth Basket"

Mary Jo Rushlow will teach a one-day workshop, "Making a Hearth Basket," Saturday, February 27th, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Join us for this new basketmaking workshop in which Mary Jo Rushlow will teach basic weaving designs adapted to create side contour. These beautiful and sturdy baskets are lovely by the fireplace filled with logs or as a table centerpiece.

Ms. Rushlow, of Suffield, brings a wealth of experience to this workshop. She received her professional training from Central Connecticut State College and Springfield College. She has studied with master basket weavers Sosse Baker, John McQuire, Wendy Palermo, and Martha Pengakis.

Participants should bring the following supplies to the class: large plastic bucket, scissors, tape measure, old small towel, small flat-head screwdriver, 12 clip clothespins, utility knife, and pencil and notepaper.

The Hearth Basket one-day workshop is only offered Saturday, February 27th, and is open to both beginning and experienced basketmakers.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all workshops. Please contact the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum at 732-3080 for more information.

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Sports

43rd Straight Victim...

Westfield No Match As AHS Rules The Mats

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

With five pins and two technical falls, the Agawam High varsity wrestling team proved to the region they are indeed the class of the lot by crushing rival Westfield, 50-12, Saturday, February 13th. It was the biggest wrestling clash of the year in Western Mass. because both schools entered the match with perfect 15-0 records.

The 1,100 boisterous fans who packed the AHS gym were rather surprised with the ease the Brownies smashed the Bombers. While clearly the favorites in winning their 43rd straight dual-meet, no one expected the Brownies to have a Sunday picnic.

"This was our best match of the year," beamed coach Phil Tomkiel afterwards. "The guys were really fired-up. It was one of the few times the team wrestled up to its potential throughout a match. They were pretty tough (Westfield), but our guys rose to the occasion. It was a super win and nice way to finish-out the regular season."

Next up for the locals is the Western Mass. Division I Tournament, Friday and Saturday, February 19th and 20th. Obviously, the Brownies are the favorites to take the title for the second straight year. Who can beat them? Tomkiel is warning against overconfidence, but it's hard to imagine the Brownies not winning the WMass. Division I title again this weekend.

In the Westfield clash, it took the locals a few matches to get warmed-up. They dropped three of the opening five matches, but after that, Westfield was covered like a wet blanket.

At 103-pounds, Andy Felix lost to Westfield's Chris Slowick, 5-1. Andy Phelps followed at 112-pounds and he pinned Westfield's Shea Menard at 3:47 to give the Brownies a brief lead, 6-3.

At 119-pounds, Chris Ballard downed Agawam's Joe Walz, 8-1, to give Westfield its second. But at 125-pounds, the Brownies two-time defending WM champ, senior Jim Pirro, disposed of Westfield's Derek Smith by technical fall, 16-0. The locals again led.

At 130-pounds, Westfield fought right back when Chris Malanowski defeated Frank Demarinis by an 8-0 count. But from here, the Brownies completely dominated.

Senior Tom Cascio began the parade of victories at 135-pounds when he downed Westfield's Glenn Lusignan, 10-6. Senior Alan Boucher continued the team on the winning track as he beat a challenge from Chris Girard, 9-3, at 140-pounds.

Senior Mike Gasteyer (145-pounds), battled Westfield's Matt Mongeon to a 2-2 deadlock - so each squad was awarded two points. Next-up was Bill Berte at 152-pounds, and he, after trailing 7-3 with a minute left, pinned Adam Liptak at 5:23 for the Brownies' second pin of the afternoon.

Berte's pin proved to be a huge momentum lifter for the Brownies and virtually broke Westfield's back.

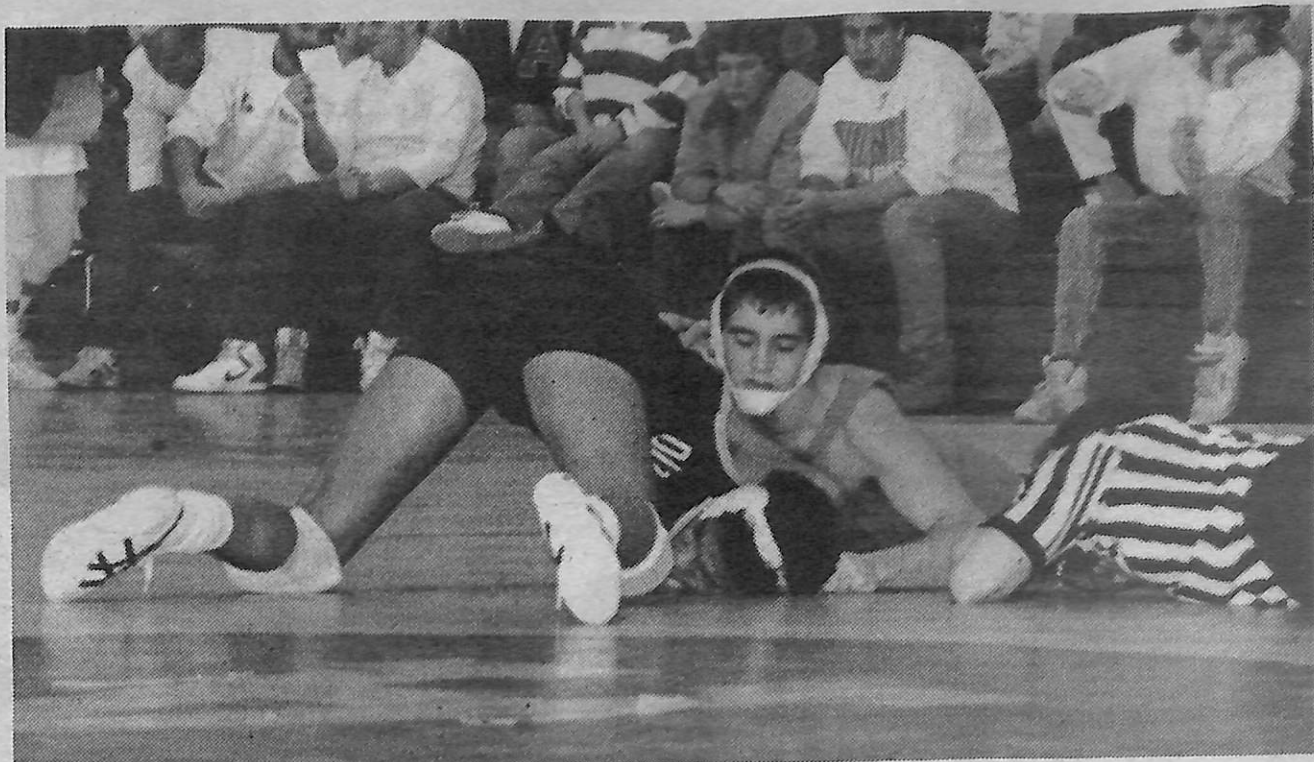
At 160-pounds, senior Tony Langone dominated Westfield's Peter Clark in a 16-0 technical fall. After this lopsided win, the locals used a flurry of three straight pins to finish-out their convincing victory. And did the Brownies' fans ever celebrate.

At 171-pounds, Jeff Retzler pinned Westfield's Randy Walz in 2:36 for the Brownies third pin of the meet. Senior Rich DiLullo, at 189-pounds, recorded the Brownies fastest pin of the meet with a 1:23 job over Matt Kowal. And then senior heavyweight Scott Mazza sent everyone home screaming in glee with a pin over Westfield's tough Curt Wood at the 2:22 mark.

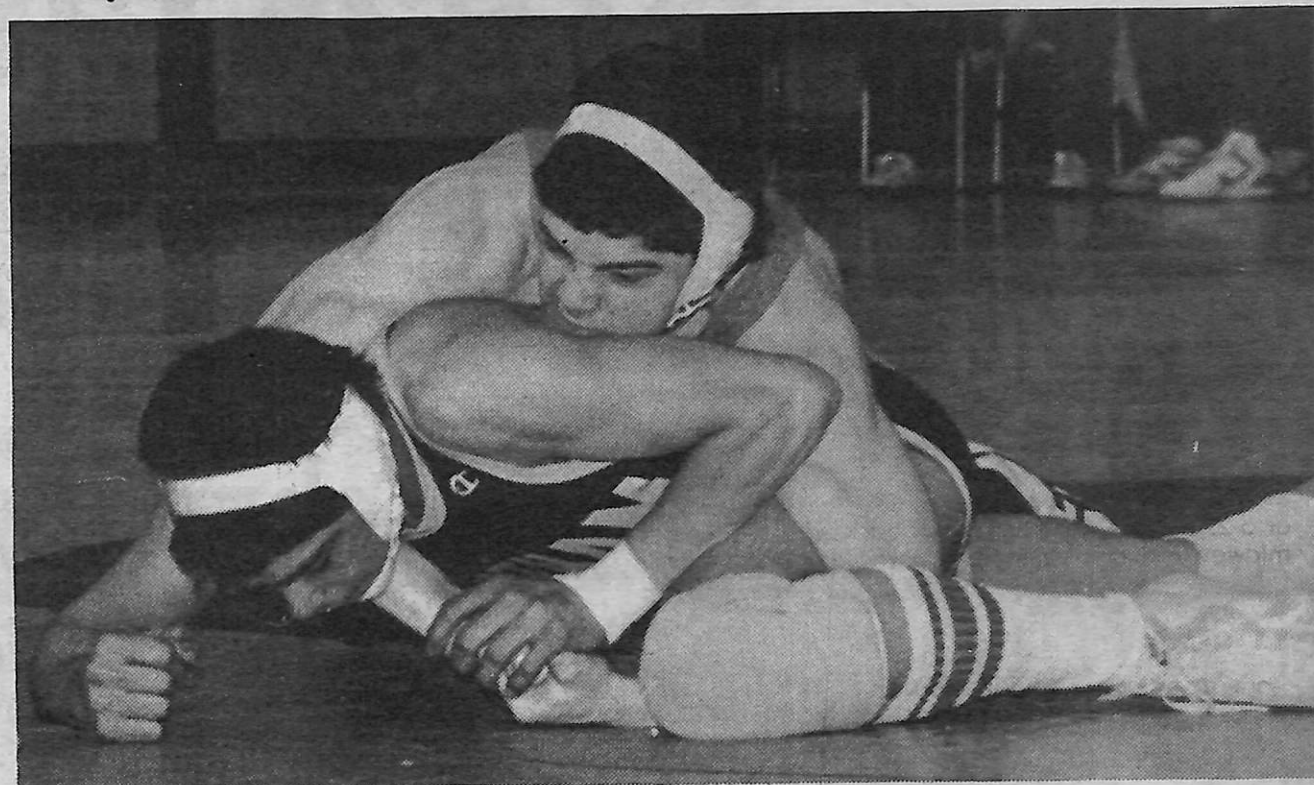
"I really can't say enough about the seniors on the squad," said Tomkiel. "They were here when the streak started (as sophomores), and they wanted to go out in style. And they did."

Now for the WM title.

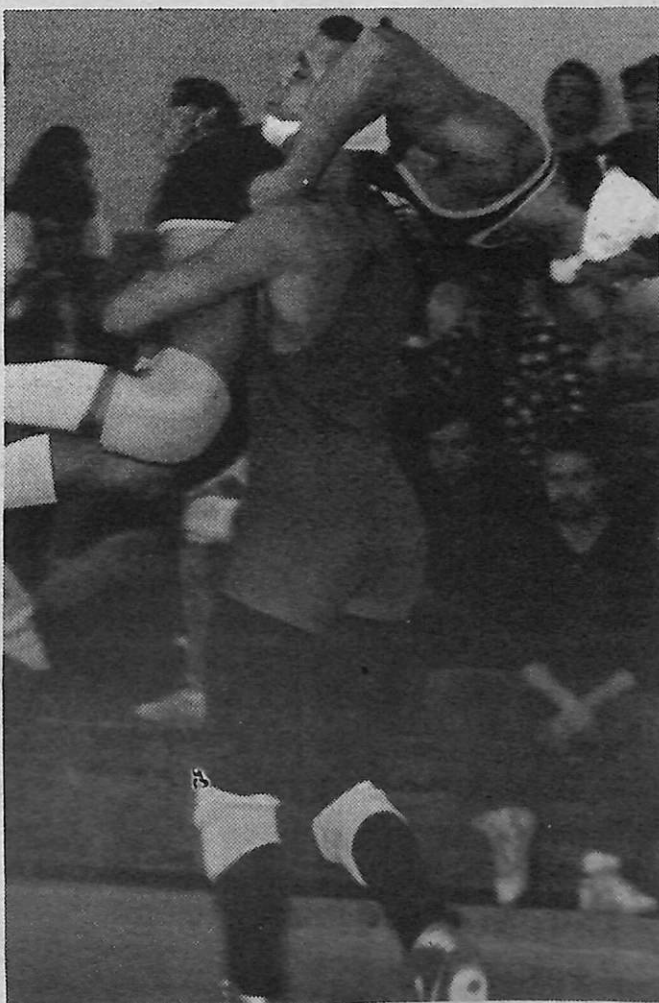
MAT MATTERS: Brownie wrestlers who finished undefeated in dual-meets this season were Pirro and Cascio (Gasteyer had one tie)...It was the second straight year that Agawam has finished 16-0. The Brownies have six number one seeds going in the Division I Tourney - Pirro, Cascio, Boucher, Gasteyer, Langone, and Mazza...Seeded second are Berte and DiLullo...Phelps is seeded third, while Retzler is seeded fourth, Demarinis, 5th; Walz, 6th, and Felix, 7th...Last year, the Brownies also had six number one seeds - they also had 10 finalists and six WM champs...Last year's WM champs were Pirro, Cascio, Langone, and graduates Tom King, Vinnie Pallotta, and Bob Altobelli, who is now a standout in the 189-pound class at Wilbraham and Monson Academy...The State Tournament will be held February 26th and 27th at Brockton High School. The Brownies finished third in the states last year.



BILL BERTE works over a Putnam Vocational grappler during Agawam's close victory over the Beavers, Saturday, February 6th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



DAN FELIX of the Agawam High Brownies puts a hold on a Putnam wrestler during first period action. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM'S JOE WALZ lifts his Putnam opponent into the air, Saturday, February 6th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Parolo, Punch, & Laudato Ride Herd Over Panthers, 5-4

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Seniors Ricky Parolo and Dennis Punch, two of the region's bonafide bluechippers in schoolboy hockey, scored two goals apiece and the Agawam High hockey team held off a late rally in posting a huge, 5-4 victory over bitter rival Cathedral High, Tuesday, February 16th, in a key Berry Division matchup at the Coliseum.

Cathedral, always a perennial hockey power in Western Mass. and always a thorn in Agawam High's drive for the WM title, dropped to 9-2-2 (20 points) in the hot Berry Division race.

The Brownies, who shared the league title with Cathedral a year ago before taking the WM Division II title (Cathedral participated in the state Division I Tournament last year), are now at 10-1-2, good for 22 points.

At presstime, the Panthers were scheduled to face second place West Springfield (10-2-1). The loser of this game would be eliminated from having a chance to win the Berry Division title.

"I think it was safe to say that Dennis Punch, Ricky Parolo, and David Laudato all came through for us tonight," said an elated Len Bruso, the Brownies' coach. "I thought the entire team played well, too. We were really under intense pressure in the late stages, but the kids held on for the much-deserved victory."

In scoring two goals and adding an assist, Parolo continued his tear of late that has led to 41 points, 24 goals and 17 assists, giving him the league scoring lead. Punch has 30 points, by far the best statistics for any defenseman in the circuit.

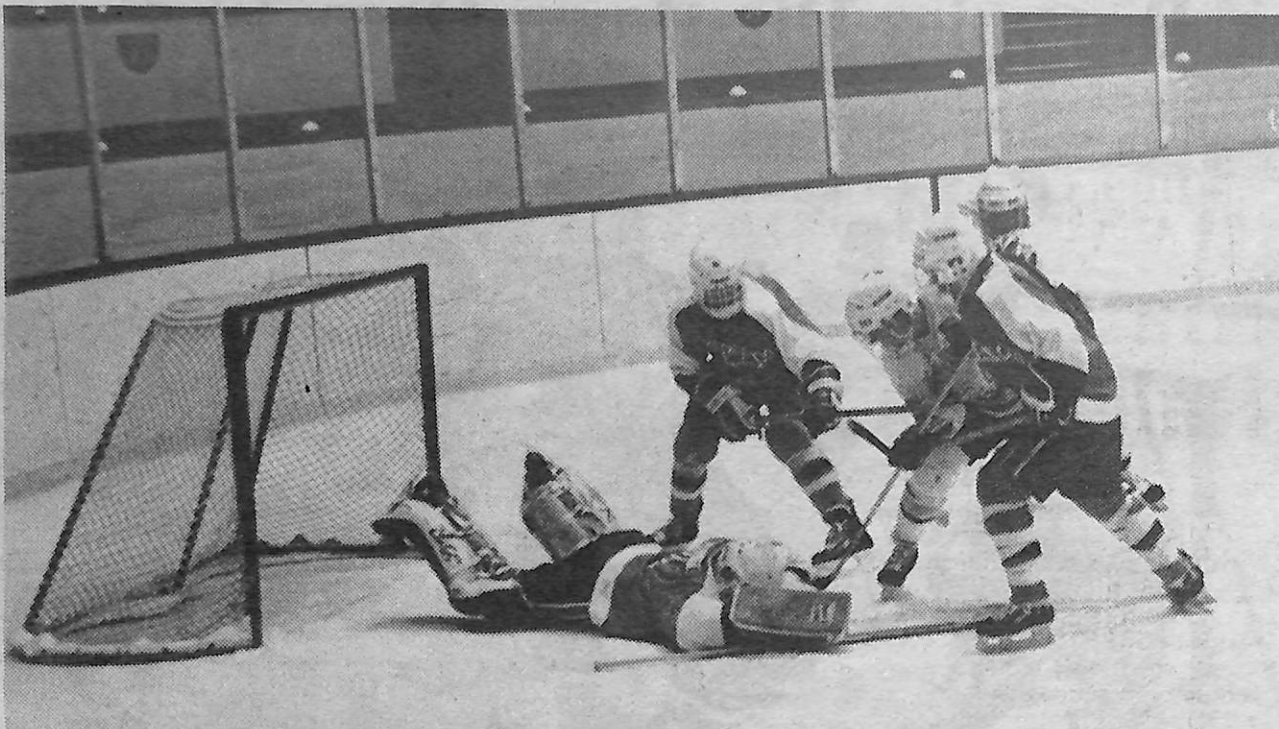
After a scoreless first period, the Panthers drew first blood in the opening minutes of the second period with two goals. But the Brownies, as they've done so often in the past two years, stormed back with three goals of their own.

Mike Passerini netted the first tally to cut the lead to 2-1, then Punch, an All-Western Mass. defenseman, scored back-to-back goals to give AHS a 3-2 lead.

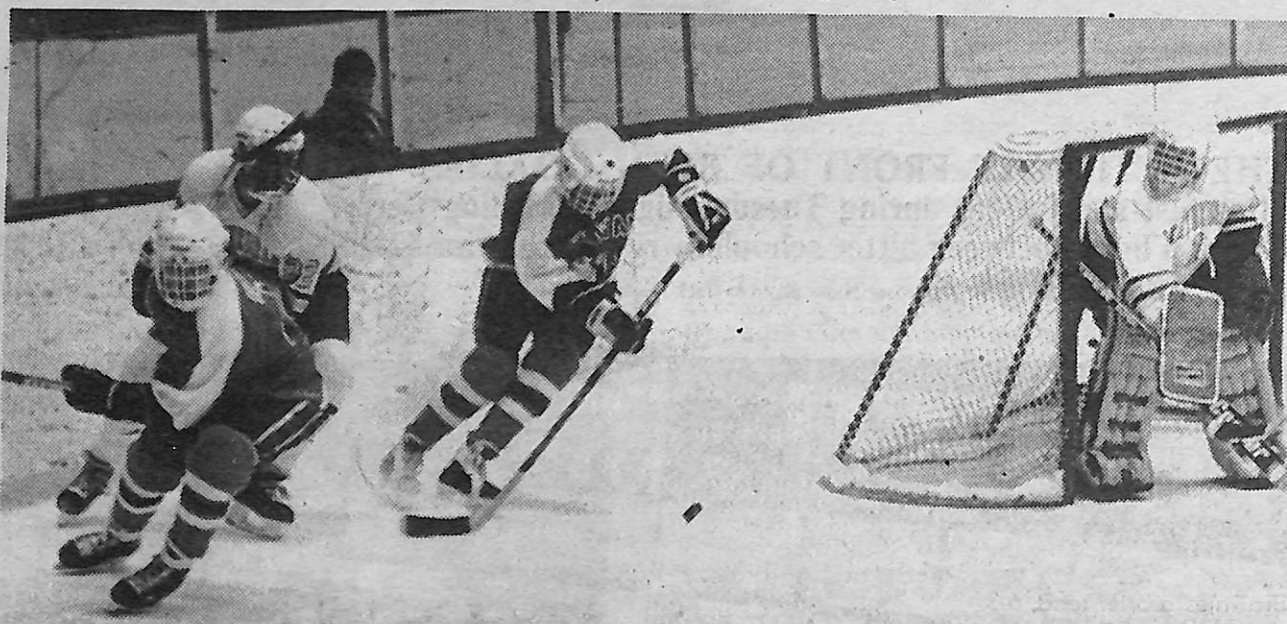
Parolo then took over early in the third period and the Brownies were in the comfort zone (or so it seemed) at 5-2. But the Panthers struck back with two goals midway through the period to cut the lead to 5-4. From there it was frantic action as the Panthers desperately attempted to score the equalizer.

However, All-Western Mass. goalie David Laudato came up big when he needed it in stopping 32 shots, many at point blank range. The Brownies poured 37 shots at the Cathedral goal.

The first time the two teams met on January 15th, the Brownies came back from a 5-0 deficit to force the Panthers to a 5-5 tie. That comeback was one of the great regular season achievements in the school's hockey history.



TWO CATHEDRAL FORWARDS buzz the Agawam High net as goalie David Laudato makes a sprawling save during second period action. Laudato was up to his All-Western Mass. form as the Brownies held-off the Panthers, 5-4. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE BROWNIES, during a three-goal spurt in the second period, put some pressure of their own on the Cathedral cage. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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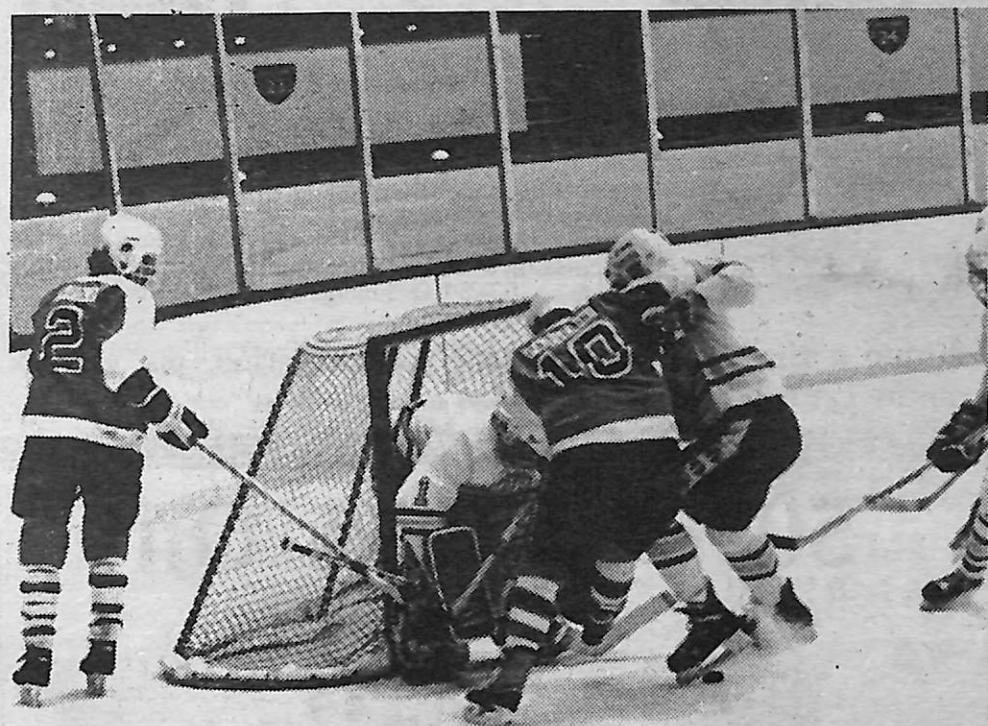
Brownies Dig-Down Deep To Escape Cathedral, 5-4



THE ACTION IN FRONT OF BOTH GOALIES was often fast and furious during Tuesday night's thrilling Berry Division battle between bitter schoolboy rivals Agawam High and Cathedral High. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE BROWNIES CELEBRATE scoring one of three second period goals that brought them from a 2-0 deficit to a 3-2 lead. Seniors Ricky Parolo and Dennis Punch each scored two goals to pace the Brownies' victory. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MIKE PASSERINI tries to find the puck during a wild scramble in front of the net as senior forward Rick Parolo (behind net) looks on. Parolo scored two goals and assisted on another to increase his lead in Berry Division scoring. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL GOALIE DAVID LAUDATO sweeps the puck from his crease as a Cathedral forward goes after the loose puck. Laudato, an All-Western Mass. goalie last year, made 32 saves, many of them at point blank range, to play a major role in Agawam's 5-4 win. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Sacred Heart Athletic Assn. Holds Sign-Ups



THE SACRED HEART Athletic Association held its annual sign-ups for its spring/summer boys' baseball and girls softball program last week-end. In top photo -league officials, from left - Lou Massoia, board of directors; Lucille Camyre, secretary; Joyce Peck, treasurer; and Dennis Charest, co-commissioner of boys' in structional league, are about to begin taking applicants; in photo right, Nancy Seymour signs-up her daughter, Laureen, 11.

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Brownie Girls Blitz Amherst To Re-Take Valley Wheel Lead

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Led by a balanced scoring attack and solid defense, the Agawam High girls' basketball team posted a huge, 53-39 victory over host Amherst Regional, Tuesday, February 16th, in a Valley Wheel schoolgirl hoop showdown.

The win not only propelled the 12-5 Brownies to the Valley Wheel lead at 11-3, but also automatically qualified them for the Division I Western Mass. Tournament. Amherst, the school that has dominated girls' play in the Valley Wheel in recent years, fell to 10-4 in the league, while losing for the second straight time to the Brownies by convincing margins.

With three games to go, the Brownies appear to be in good shape to annex the Valley Wheel title.

At presstime the locals were to face Cathedral (at home) in a makeup game from last Friday's snow-out.

As for the big win over Amherst, second-year coach Lou Conte noted, "The girls put in a good overall effort. It was a team win all the way and it was nice to see everyone involved. The defense was the key for us and it really got our offense going. This was a really big for the team."

Amherst came out and took a 9-6 lead after the opening eight minutes of play. Junior Lori DeSimone, one of the region's premiere point guards, scored all six of the Brownies' points.

But the locals came back and outscored the Hurricanes by a 13-10 margin in the second quarter, sending both sides into the lockerroom contemplating second half strategy after a 19-19 first half tie. Sophomore forward Cathy Scaggs netted eight points in the quarter.

The third period proved to tell the story as the Brownies went on an 18-8 spurt to lift them to a 37-27 advantage going into the final quarter. Senior Becki Runshaw and sophomore Karen Patterson each had 6 points in the decisive third stanza.

In the fourth quarter, the Brownies, clearly with the momentum and smelling victory, outscored the Hurricanes by a 16-12 margin to finish-off with a 14-point cushion (53-39). DeSimone scored 6 points in the final eight minutes to spark AHS.

Cathy Scaggs continued to play inspired basketball as she finished with a game-high 15 points while snagging 10 boards. DeSimone had 14 markers and 6 rebounds. Both Patterson and Runshaw had 8 each, and sophomore Alana Graham added 6, all from the foul line.

Overall, the locals were 15-21 from the line, which was an obvious factor, especially down the stretch.

With the victory, by the way, the Brownies will be appearing in the post-season tournament for the second straight year.

HOOP NOTES: Following their Cathedral game Wednesday, followed by Longmeadow, Friday, February 19th (away), the Brownies seasonal finale will be Friday, February 26th, vs. East Longmeadow (away). DeSimone is fourth in Valley Wheel scoring at a 15.0 clip. Cathy Scaggs has scored 39 points and grabbed 20 rebounds in the last two games.

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Lancers Dent Armor Of Hoop Brownies; Comp Coming Friday

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Nowadays, the Agawam High boys' basketball team is finding out that every opponent it faces is out to get them. One of the realities of being one of the better teams in the region is that the opposition will be out to chop-up one of the big boys.

That was the case Tuesday night, February 16th, at the AHS gym as the Lancers of Longmeadow High came into town for a meeting with the highly-touted Brownies, co-owners of first place in the Valley Wheel. The visitors carried much of the play on this night and the result was a 78-64 upset victory over AHS before many shocked fans at the high school.

The Brownies' hold on first place with Chicopee Comp (6-1) didn't last long. Comp was stunned by West Springfield Monday night, which seemingly set-up a huge matchup for the league's bragging right when the Brownies and Comp meet Friday night at the AHS gym.

Now, the Brownies are in a position of having West Side at 4-3 closing in on second place (the Brownies are 5-2) in the Wheel. If the Brownies can stop Comp Friday night, they would be tied with Comp for first at 6-2. Overall, the Brownies are 14-3 and have clinched a berth in the Division I Tournament.

While many fans were shocked at Longmeadow's victory, Brownies' coach Mike Martin gave the visitors plenty of credit for coming in and staging the big upset. "This was just one of those nights when nothing goes your way," said Martin.

"The guys worked very hard most of the night, but the ball just wasn't bouncing our way. You have to give Longmeadow credit for carrying the play. They played a very good game. We just didn't hit the big shots when we had to, but I was pleased with how hard the guys worked. They never did give up."

The Brownies were up by three (34-31) at the half, but the Lancers used a 15-8 run in the third quarter to take a four-point lead into the final eight minutes of play. Longmeadow came out and went on a little run to start the fourth quarter, and the Brownies could not recover.

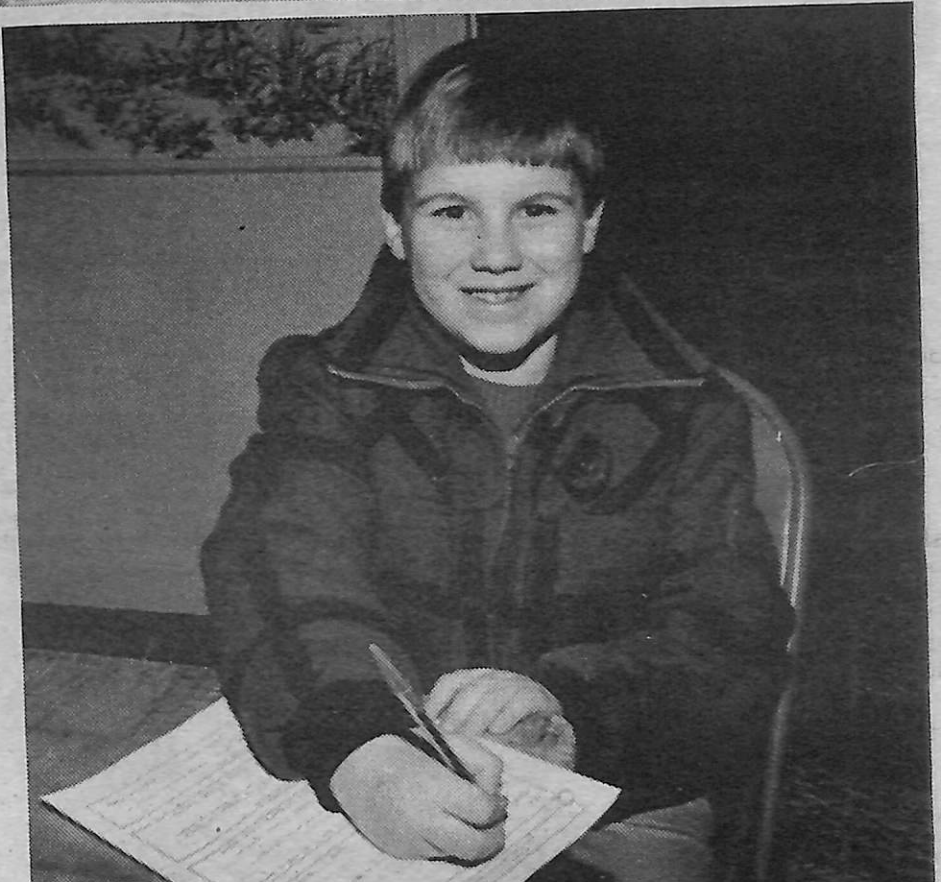
In playing some of their best ball of the season, the Lancers improved to 8-8 overall. Playing well in the loss for AHS was guard Jim Lockwood, who finished with a team-high 15-points senior guard Chris Ollari, and sophomore guard Jason Wooley.

HOOP NOTES: On Monday, February 15th, the Brownies posted an 86-73 victory over Minnechaugh to improve to 5-1 in the league...Jeff Peterson scored 26 points in this one, while the Falcons' Jim Kubinski netted 24 as the Valley Wheel's two top scorers went head-to-head...Lockwood had 20 points in the win, while Jeff Reece (14), Ollari (9), and John Serra (7) also chipped in...Peterson is still atop the Wheel in scoring...The outcome on Friday vs. Comp will probably have a bearing on the post-season tournament's seeding.

Agawam Little League Holds Sign-Ups



The Agawam Little League held its annual sign-ups at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Saturday, February 6th. Little League officials taking sign-ups in top photo include Jim Baldyga, Linda Battista, and Al Demastrie; in photo below, Erik Ranstrom, 7, can't wait to fill-out his form, and he also can't wait for the warm weather so he can "Play ball." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Miller Family Enjoys Fine Season For AHS On School Slopes

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Led by the brother-sister combination of Karl and Corinne Miller, the Agawam High ski teams had fairly good seasons on the schoolboy/schoolgirl slopes in 1987-88. Out of seven teams competing in Division C, the boys finished tied for second with Pioneer, while the girls placed sixth in Division B.

"Overall, I thought both teams did very well," says coach Ralph Merullo, a teacher at the junior high school. "The kids worked hard and their times were pretty competitive. Karl (Miller) had a super season, as did his sister, Corinne."

The boys' team, which lost several fine skiers to graduation and two more who took jobs at Mount Tom prior to the start of the campaign, surprise some people by finishing tied for second. Says Merullo, "Finishing tied for second is a tribute to the hard work the guys put in."

Karl Miller, still a junior, finished first in the division in total points with 59. The team's other top 10 finisher was junior Steve Lubarsky, who placed eighth with 21 points. So, Miller's finishing atop the league point standings is no small task.

"Karl handles his success very well," notes Merullo. "He's a super kid and he sets a good example for the other skiers on the team."

By finishing second in Division C, the Brownies skiers qualified for the State Ski Meet, Wednesday, February 24th, at Berkshire East.

The other skiers on the boys' team that will participate in the State Meet are junior Bob Ayers, and sophomores Rob Morin and Shaun St. Jacques.

As for the girls' team, its sixth-placed finish was anticipated before the season began as AHS has lost many fine skiers to graduation. Says Merullo, "The team was not too competitive this year. Our depth was an obvious weakness. Outside of Corinne (Miller), we didn't do too much."

Miller, just a freshman, finished seventh overall in Division B with 19 points. Her performance qualified her for the State Meet.

"Corinne is an excellent skier, but she hasn't reached her potential by a long-shot yet," notes Merullo. "She is a hard worker and a real go-getter on the slopes. Like her brother (Karl), she can inspire others to perform better. She's a pleasure to have on the team."

Both the boys' and girls' teams compete in the PVIAC. They had seven meets during the season, with the teams' finishes based on an overall point system for the entire season.

The Brownies skiers competed in the PVIAC individuals on February 11th, but no one had an outstanding day on the slopes.

Longmeadow Frosh Stop Agawam Frosh, 67-60 In Hoop

The Agawam Junior High freshman basketball team saw its 10-game winning streak snapped, Tuesday, February 16th, as the Longmeadow Lancers posted a hardfought, 67-60 victory.

The Warriors dropped to 12-5 after the setback. Leading scorers for the locals were Todd Hyland (18), Dave Kozel (12), and Bryan Connery (12).

The team's February 12th game vs. Minnechaug, cancelled due to the snowstorm, will not be rescheduled. The locals face West Springfield, Tuesday, February 23rd, and Westfield, Friday, February 26th. Both games are at home.

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AGAWAM HIGH BOYS' varsity basketball players Aaron Vanderhoof (left), Mike DiLullo (center), and Jack Patterson will be selling candy this weekend with their teammates to benefit scholarships. The players will be canvassing the town as well as selling candy in the shopping areas. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Boys' Hoop Team Selling Candy

The Annual Candy Blitz by the Agawam High School Boys' Basketball Team will take place, Friday, February 26th, and Saturday, February 27th.

The boys will be canvassing the town as well as selling candy at shopping areas.

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AGAWAM UNICO VICE-PRESIDENT Richard Forni (in front of table) purchases a button from Marie Saracino, a member of the Stadium Lights Association, Inc., at the Agawam High School last week. The button is one of the promotions being run by the association. The group is raising funds to erect light standards at the football field portion of Harmon Smith Field. The association is also sponsoring a pancake breakfast, Sunday, February 28th, at the Agawam Middle School. Members of UNICO will be the chief chefs. Also in photo are Kim Hayes, Esther Depalo, and Dolores Cichetti. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

St. Louis Again Rules Tri-Parish Bowling

St. Louis, clearly the muscle in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League this year, stormed past Holy Cross to annex the Round Two title, repeating its feat in November by taking the Round One title.

St. Lou finished Round Two with 27½ wins, followed by HC with 27. Notre Dame sneaked into third place with 26 wins, and Boston College faltered into fourth place with 25½ wins.

In the biggest matchup of Round Two, St. Lou grabbed 3½ wins from HC. HC was at a disadvantage when regular RON PROVOST was absent and no substitute was in his place. St. Lou winners were JIM MCNAMEE (with a marvelous 332), TOM BURR (337), and captain DEBBIE POIRIER (304). She defeated HC's bitterly disappointed captain, GEORGE LANE (298).

The only HC winner was CAROLINE COELLN. HC, which led St. Lou by two full wins going into week 11, lost its best chance in years to qualify for the Grand Championship Playoffs, slated for May.

Georgetown rose from seventh place to fifth place (23 wins) by sweeping past St. Anselm (8th place-20 wins). St. A's had actually challenged for the top mid-way through Round Two, but faltered after that.

G-Town winners included PAUL LAGODITZ (330), CHERYL PRZESZLO (309), and AL "The Fearsome" MOCCIO took no prisoners when he clobbered St. A's outgunned captain, VI MASSOIA, 362-288. The only St. A's winner was substitute KATHY PRZESZLO (302).

Fordham (6th place-23 wins) whipped defending Grand Champion Loyola (7th place-21 wins), in a clean sweep, four wins to none. Fordham's popular captain, ANN O'CONNELL, is still recovering for injuries she received in a car accident, and league members are asked to send Ann some get-well cards. We all hope Ann's return to the lanes comes soon.

Fordham winners were substitute KIM VIENS (260), BOB PICKETT (307), and DEBBIE GEORGE (289). Although Loyola captain STEVE ROVITHIS rolled a 323, Fordham's improving RENEE JURY hit a 305. That's the second consecutive good week for Renee, who has had an off year after rolling so well a year ago.

Notre Dame took three wins from St. Mary (9th place-19 wins). ND winners included TERRY CERPOVITCH (300), TOM GEAUGHAN (303), and captain JOHN RESCIGNO, who enjoyed one of his best nights of the year with a huge 363. Rescigno fired-past St. Mary's popular captain, seasoned veteran FRED MORASSI (313). The only St. Mary's winner was substitute TONY KOZAK, who rifled a 357 in defeating poor ESTHER DEPALO (307). In enjoying her best night of the season, Esther still lost by 50 pins!

Boston College, a team that had the Round Two title in its grasp except for a slump in the final few weeks, could only pick-up 1½ points as this week's bye team. Only JIM BURLINGHAM rolled above his average (309-30 pins). Other rollers, JAY LAGODITZ, SANDY

PRZESZLO, and captain LARRY VIENS failed to meet their averages, to continue the team's malaise.

In the final match of the night, Villanova (10th place-18 wins) took three wins from everyone's patsy, last place St. Michael (9 wins). Villanova, a playoff team last year, appears to be going nowhere fast in 1987-88.

Villanova winners included MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (270) and captain FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO, who had his best night in many weeks with a 313-280 victory over St. Mike's much-maligned, much-despondent captain, MIKE O'CONNELL. St. Mike's did have two winners - VENETTA SNYDER (292-135 string breaks Class A high single), and league vice-president JOE RESCIGNO (314). Villanova's STEP STEPANIAN, despite losing to Joe Rescigno, still had a good night for his team with a 300.

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Popularly called a lead-head, the jig, is sometimes adorned with skirts, trailers, feathers, plastic tippings, pork rinds and baits.

Jigs will catch just about any fish that swims. Since jigs can be hopped along the bottom or retrieved directly, they are versatile for any fishing situation. A bucktail jig for example, consists of a lead body and a deer hair skirt. It is a favorite with crappie, bass and saltwater fishermen.

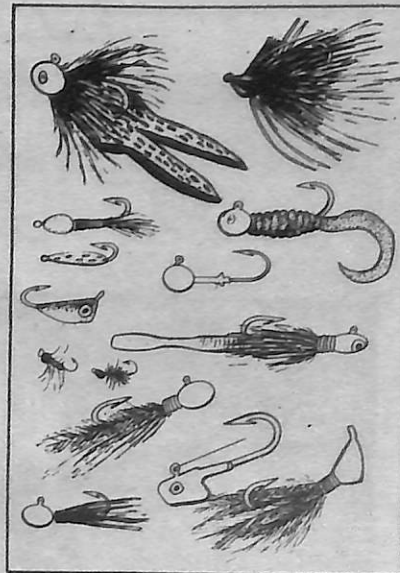
Usually the fishing line is tied directly to the jig. No snap or swivel is used. Jigging, especially effective in rocky structure, requires an abra-

sion resistant line like Berkley's TriMax or Big Game line. Most jigs have a single hook that rides upward. They slide remarkably well through heavy cover.

When fishing in clear water, use a small diameter line and a small jig. This combination allows a natural presentation.

Flipping is a popular jigging method whereby a rubber skirted jig, oftentimes adorned with a pork or plastic trailer, is flipped into brushy cover. Jigs used in brush have weed guards to reduce hanging up. As the jig falls, bass and other fish strike instinctively. Brute force and 20 - 30 lb test line help haul heavy bass from the heavy cover.

It is important to select the proper size jig. Heavy jigs are useful for deep presentations and when fishing in heavy cover. Heavier jigs usually



Jigs come in a variety of sizes, styles actions and colors. They can be fished a variety of ways and will catch about any fish that swims.

have larger hooks. Jigs for exceptionally big fish may weigh 5 oz or more. Small jigs, weighing as little as 1/64th ounce, are the choice for panfish, such as bluegill or crappie. It's impossible to fish a jig wrong as long as it's in or close to the water. Jigs can be trolled, hopped, or even fished under a bobber. They can be pitched under docks or overhanging tree limbs. When fishing from shore, adding a bobber allows small jigs to be cast further.

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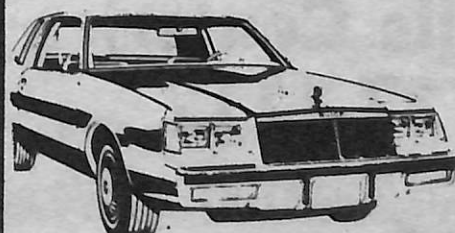
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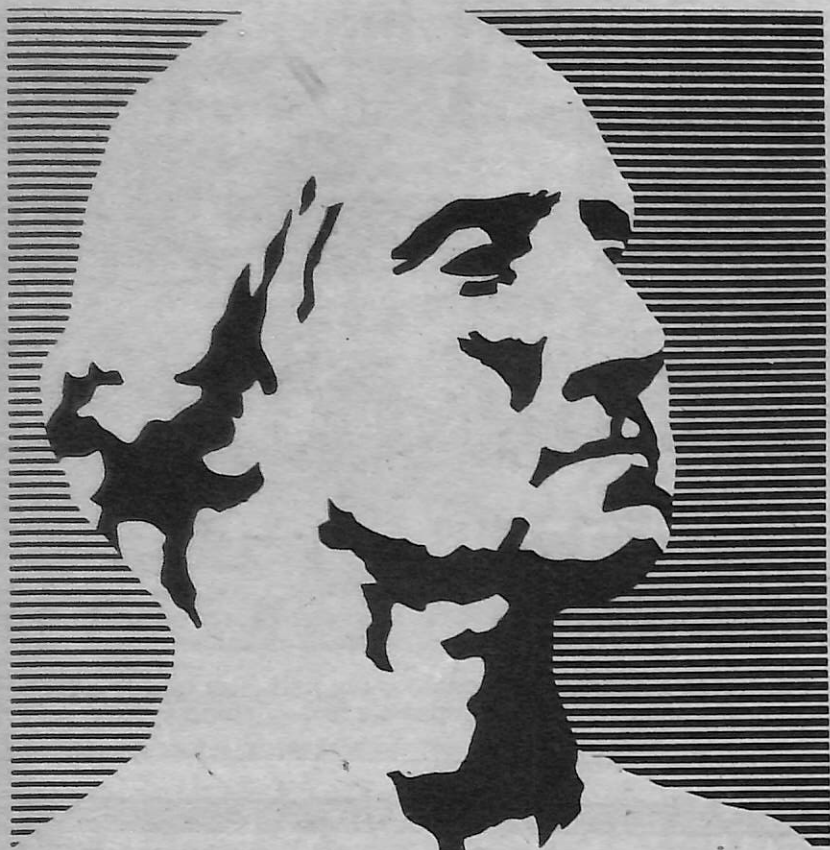
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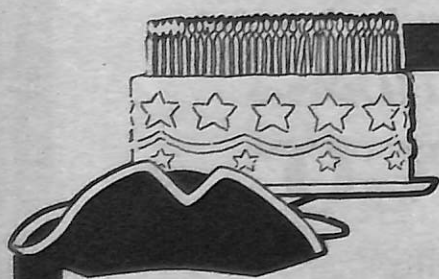
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Systems Fishing

Fishermen are specialists. Some specialize in catching one species; others specialize in technique. Successful fishermen use equipment designed for specific fishing situations. This philosophy has been dubbed "systems fishing", and it's gaining popularity. In systems fishing the rod, reel, line, lure, even the fish scent is matched into a fishing system.

For example, when casting for bluegill, perch or crappie, use small, lightweight jigs, or minute spinners. Use a small diameter, flexible line, like Trilene extra limp (XL). Matched with an ultralight spinning or

spincast rod and reel, this system performs admirably.

Casting light jigs requires a flexible rod. The rod can be long or short, although a 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 ft rod such as a Berkley Lightning Rod is a good choice. A 1/16 -1/32 oz jig on 2 to 6 lb test line will conquer any panfish that swims.

Bass fishermen specialize to the extent that they may use 20 different rod and reel combinations. An ultralight spinning system allows probing deep, clear lakes for finicky fish. A medium action baitcast rod and reel casts crankbaits, spinnerbaits and buzzbaits with ease.

A medium to heavy action casting rod and reel is best for plastic worm and jig fishing. Stiffer rods allow working heavy cover and

sliding a lure through tough, abusive conditions where big bass lurk. Use a flipping rod and reel combination for fishing at close range in the brush. And lastly, a long, medium action rod handles "kneel and reel" techniques, crankbaits and other long range casting presentations.

Use flexible rods with lighter line and lures; stiffer rods with heavier line and lures. Shorter rods allow more maneuverability and more accurate casting in tight places.

Long rods let anglers cast further. Graphite rods are more sensitive. Some rod manufacturers, like Berkley, eliminate confusion by listing the recommended line and lure weights on the rod.

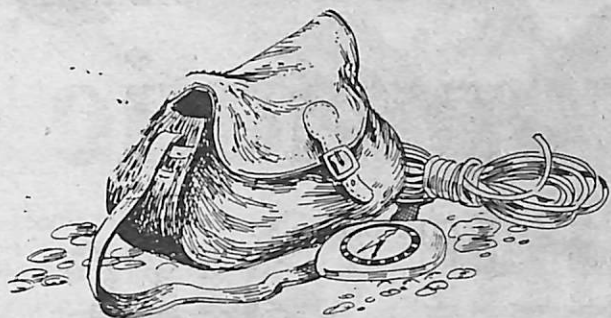
Select equipment that fits your style or system of fishing. Match the rod, reel, line and lure to maximize your fish-catching potential.



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But, of course, the publicity seekers of these organizations would not see their names in print as much. It is popular to show a dog (that has been running wild) holding up a front leg, and the caption under the picture, reads "Pet escapes from horrible trap—send contributions" to following address.



How many papers show children in this country with extended stomachs, arms and legs so thin that you could almost see through them, with a caption, "These children are the future of our country, send contributions for food."

I wager that the dog picture would get triple the amount of money than the one with the children. The anti-groups receive so much money that their directors receive \$100,000 salaries per year. The Massachusetts Society for the Protection of Animals has assets of \$67 million!



The allotment of fish to be stocked this year is down around 3,100 fish this year in the Western District. In the valley District, the allotment is down overall about 3,800 fish.

The "catch and release" license holders represent about 1 percent of the total fishermen in the state, yet they wield enough power to have miles of prime trout streams set aside for them. The majority of fishermen better take notice of what is happening, and attend the next public hearing when more streams are considered for catch and release.

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Ronald King of Agawam, a veteran railroader, will be at the controls of a departing freight train.

The largest show of its kind in the Northeast, this annual event features railroading as a hobby. Displays will include model locomotives, structures, and rolling stock built by many modelers in the area.

A high point of the show will be three huge operating layouts. One is in "O" scale, 102 feet long; another is "HO" scale; the third in "N" scale. These individual modules, built by several different contributors, are connected together for the show. Several trains operate continuously on each layout. The "HO" layout features a Dynatrol carrier system which allows independent operation of up to 18 trains simultaneously. The 1987 show featured 21 layouts.

The show will also include several commercial vendors and hobbyists selling model railroad equipment and other railroad memorabilia and books. Several real railroads, as well as railroad-related organizations and historical societies, will be represented at the show. The Hobby Show presents a unique opportunity in the area to see and buy new and antique railroad items.

The show is open to the public. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children under 12, and free for children under five. Parking is free at the Big E grounds. Two food concessions will be open in the building during the whole show. Bleachers are provided for an overview. More ticket booths will be staffed this year, and tickets will be sold on the grounds before the opening hour on the day of the show.

The society has used the proceeds from the show in a variety of ways to promote interest in railroads. Over the past four years, it has donated scholarship funds to the University of Massachusetts Engineering Department for students who planned to work in the railroad industry after graduation.

The society is developing a library of railroad films, including the restoration of some partially-deteriorated films made in the Western Massachusetts area during the 1930's. Recently, the society has purchased a series of video tapes on railroading. These tapes are available to society members.

A substantial donation was made in 1985 to the Warehouse Point Trolley Museum's Building Fund and in 1986 to Edaville's Car 26 Fund. In 1987, donations were made to the New Haven Technical and Historical Society, the Connecticut Valley Railroad Museum Building Fund, and the 470 Club's Maine Central 501 Steam locomotive restoration project.

The Amherst Railway Society has about 175 members who share some aspect of railroading as a common interest. Meetings cover current topics in railroad news and a slide show, movies or prominent speaker dealing with a railroading topic.

The society sponsors or participates in several train trips each year. Anyone interested in railroads is invited to attend the meetings and/or join the society. The group meets the third Tuesday of each month, except December, February, July, and August, at 8:00 p.m., in the Engineering Building Auditorium at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

For further information, contact Bob Buck, show director, Warren (413) 436-5318; Joseph Snopek, president, Granby, (413) 467-3226; or Cliff Stone, vice president, Southwick, 569-3368.

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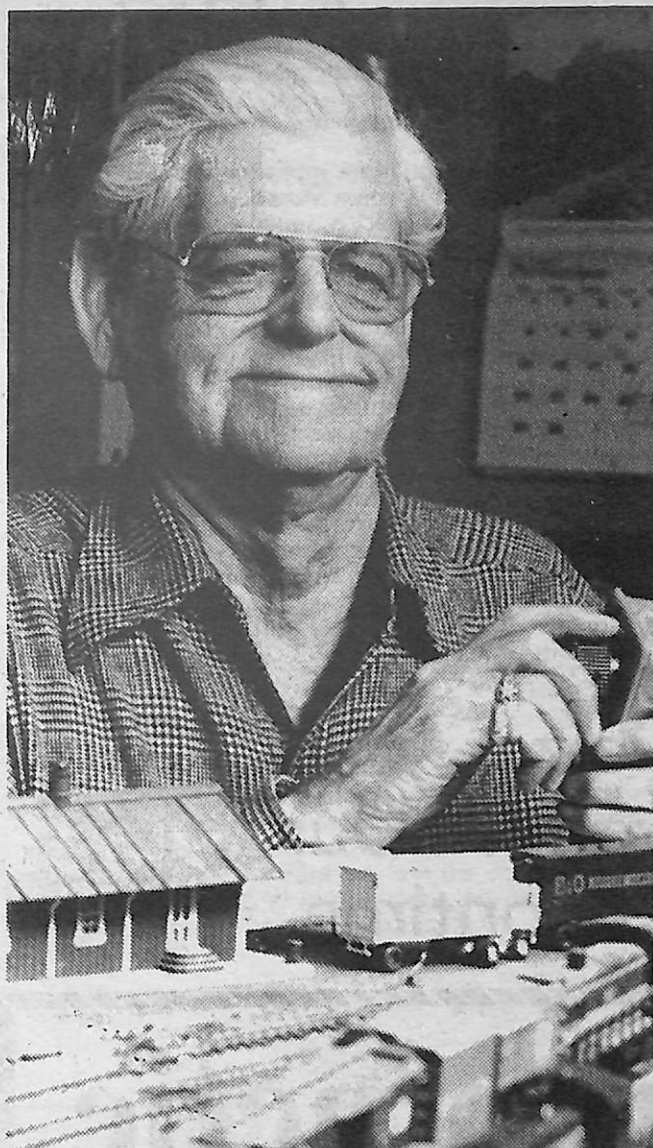
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30 Years Later, Another Bruno Making Mark...

Jim Bruno Gaining National Prominence At WSC

Shooting a round ball into a basket twice its size looks simple enough but it's not; just ask the novices who clang the bricks off the rim at their weekend games, or the NBA star who can only make 50 percent of his free throws.

That's why when someone can fill the basket with regularity people take notice, and right now, there is one Westfield State player who has mastered the art of shooting hoops well enough to earn recognition on the national level.

Jim Bruno, a stocky 5-10 sophomore from Southwick, is Westfield's State shooting star. Bruno's specialty is the three-point shot, and he's averaging four field goals per game from that range, the fourth best average in the latest NCAA Division III rankings.

And those three-pointers, which account for more than half of his field goals, have helped to boost his scoring average to more than 24 points per game, placing him in the top 15 in the nation in that category.

Like most outstanding shooters, Bruno attributes his knack for shooting to the long and solitary hours he spent on the playground courts. Bruno first began perfecting his shooting skills during his junior high school years in Southwick.

"When you're by yourself in the summer, you can't play any games so you have to work on your shooting or dribbling. Shooting is more fun," Bruno said. "I would start out at 15 feet and when I made them consistently I would go to 18 feet, then 19 feet."

Bruno's hard work on the hardcourt during his summers in Southwick paid off in points, and plenty of them. He was a three-year starter at Southwick High School, and is currently the school's all-time scoring leader with 1,119 points. He's also filled the basket for the past three years, one at Wilbraham Monson prep school, and the past two at Westfield State. He earned a starting berth early in his freshman year at Westfield, and averaged 13 points while canning 44 of 100 three-point attempts.

"I looked forward to it (the three-point shot) and thought it could set me some playing time," Bruno said.

Bruno also had a head coach, one with the right connections, who was overly-confident he had an emerg-

shooting star in the collegiate ranks. Bob Lawless took over the head coaching duties at Westfield State

last year, coming from Southwick where he had coached Bruno for four years.

"The comment the kids made here last year was 'this kid is not going to make the team is he?'," Lawless says with a smile. "But after they saw him play, they all wanted him to shoot."

Lawless says Bruno is the best shooter he's coached in 17 years. "He shoots well because he lives in the gym," said the coach. "Anytime he thinks his shooting is not up to par he spends extra time working on it. He's constantly working at the game," continued the coach. "Sometimes, I'll see him in the gym working on new shooting skills five or seven weeks before he'll even consider using them in a game."

What makes Bruno's statistics even more impressive is that he only averages 14 shots a game, a fairly low number for a high-scoring player. One game this season he took 14 shots in scoring 36 points.

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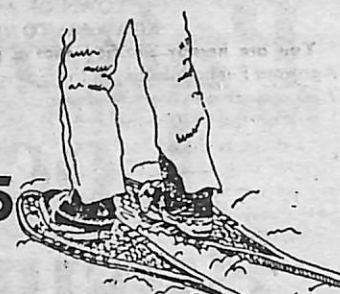
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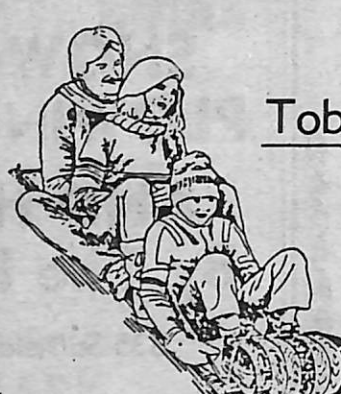


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"We've tried to set him to shoot more," said Lawless. "He's a very unselfish player. In high school I had to beg him to shoot more."

Lawless believes that Bruno has finally learned and accepted his role at Westfield. Because of the Owls' youth and inexperience, Bruno was called upon to carry much of the scoring load early this season. And the quiet backcourt bomber responded in explosive fashion against some of the best Division III schools in the country.

In the season opener against Southeastern Massachusetts, the top-ranked team in the preseason polls, Bruno scorched the nets for 30 points and eight three pointers. He hit for 29 points and four three-pointers against Jersey City, another highly-rated club, and popped in 36 points and seven "triples" vs. Mass State leader Salem.

Bruno's biggest scoring outbursts came following a drubbing by Western Connecticut, in which he was held scoreless, the only time this season he didn't make double figures. He fired in 39 points and seven three-pointers against Western New England, and bettered that with a 40-point, eight three-pointers explosion at Roger Williams.

"I feel that I should make every shot that I shoot even though that's impossible," said Bruno, who is satisfied with his overall field goal shooting percent (53 percent) and three-point percentage (52).

"As our scoring becomes more balanced, his scoring average will go down, but Jimmy will gladly give up the scoring," said Lawless. "He's very team oriented and will dish it to get the W's (wins)."

Like most gym rats, Bruno makes the most of his limited athletic abilities, which, despite his shooting prowess, probably wouldn't be good enough to make him a starter on the Division II level. A first glance at him and you envision the type of player that was on the court when Dr. Naismith invented the game almost 100 years ago in nearby Springfield.

Bruno also has a potent inside game despite his lack

of height. Countless times this season he's gotten free underneath to score off missed shots. And he has Larry Bird's famous fallaway shot almost perfected.

"I don't want to say I emulate Bird, but I do watch closely what he does in games, and then I'll try the same things," Bruno said.

Lawless lists a few more reasons why he thinks Bruno is the NCAA Division III's version of a 5-10 Larry Bird.

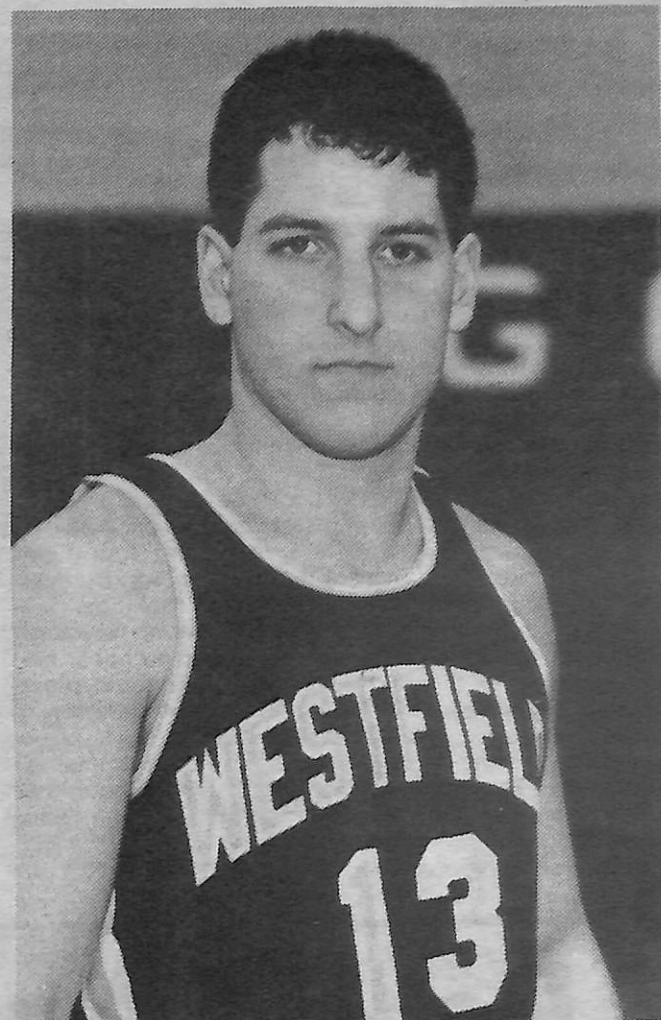
"Jim has worked very hard—not only on his shooting but on his dribbling and other areas of the game—to be fundamentally sound because of a lack of talent and foot speed," said Lawless. "He's played the game a long time and his father (Jim Bruno, Sr., the superintendent of schools in Agawam, and one of the all-time great schoolboy football players at Agawam High), has been a big influence on him.

"He's a very coachable kid and is very close to being a coach on the floor. He has very good court sense and understands the game very, very well. He is constantly thinking and understands and anticipates what has to be done in a close game."

A stickler for statistics and perfection, Bruno is constantly looking for ways to better his all-around game. And that includes improving his play within the team framework. Looking at the stat sheet from the recent victory over rival North Adams State, in which he and teammate Bryan Gilmer both scored 20, and promising sophomore center Rich Jones had 14, Bruno said, "that's what we need, more balance. You can't win with just outside shooters.

"We've gotten better since the beginning of the season but we still have to be more consistent. It will be interesting to see what happens the rest of the season," he added.

Thus far, it's been a tough campaign for Bruno and the 4-11 Owls, who dropped 10 of their first 11 games. Bruno began the season wearing a facemask to protect a broken nose, and is now playing with a nagging hamstring injury that's going to require extensive off-season therapy.



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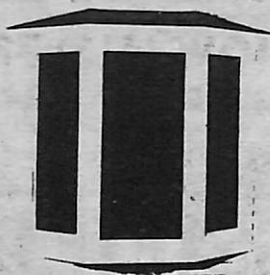
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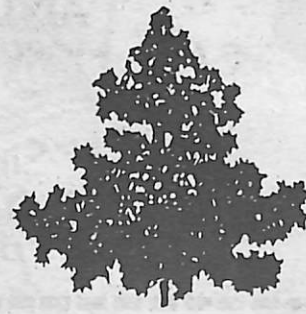
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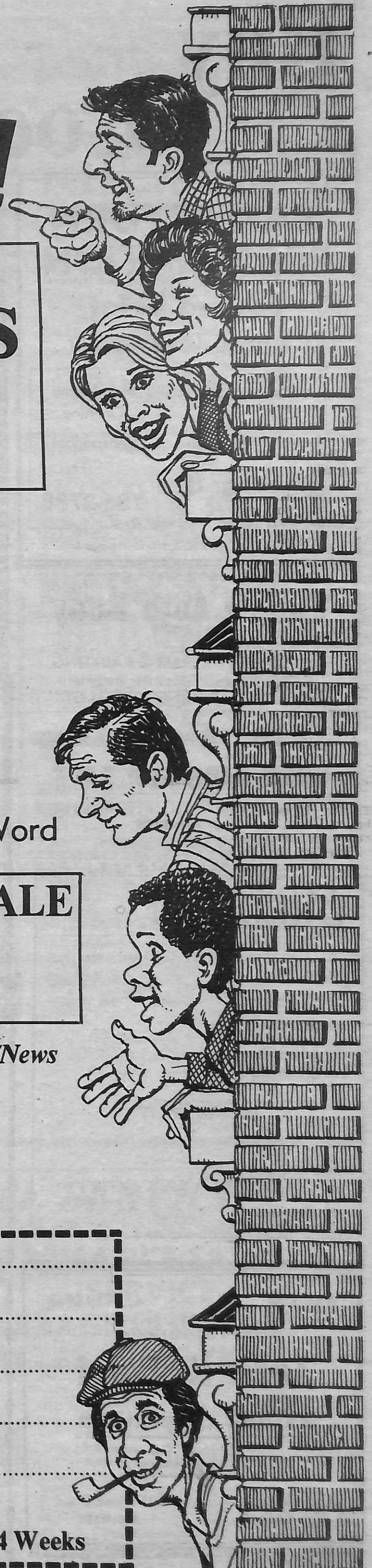
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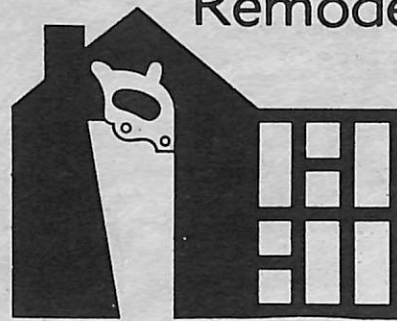
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